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# WHO YOU VIBIN'?



It's Wednesday, people. Time to announce the winner of RedEye's ever-popular "Who You Vibin'?" weekly online dating contest. This week, it's Carlos Rios of Uptown, who beat out two other bachelors to win the grand prize—a big ol' personal ad right here in the paper. Fellas, if you're interested in getting in touch with Carlos, hit up the e-mail listed below. Whether he responds is up to him, of course. Check out other dater profiles or submit your own at [redeyechicago.com/vibin](http://redeyechicago.com/vibin). Girl or guy, straight or gay, RedEye wants to hook you up.

**What do you do?**  
I work in HR for a group of restaurants

**Seeking?** A nice young man that I can paint the town red with or have just as much fun staying home. Someone with a good sense of a humor and a quick wit.

**The song that best describes my dating life:** "That Don't Impress Me Much" by Shania Twain. Seriously, my dating life is far from impressive!

**The most embarrassing thing I'm willing to admit here:** One of the first times that the "little pink light bulb" went off for me was when I realized that I had a crush on the red Power Ranger.

**Name:** Carlos Rios

**Age:** 24

**Neighborhood:** Uptown

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## To puzzle

Test your Scrabble skills from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday at The Coffee Studio (5628 N. Clark St.). Boards and dictionaries will be provided, and all skill levels are welcome.



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**TODAY'S FORECAST**

Clouds, maybe rain, are back



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Suzanne Blackburn (left) and Ann DiMella, supporters of same-sex marriage, prepare Tuesday to set up a NO on 1 sign in Portland, Maine. **AP**

# MARRIAGE VOW

## CLOSE CALL AS GAY MARRIAGE IS PUT TO A VOTE IN MAINE

### Associated Press

**PORTLAND, Maine** Gay marriage was put to a vote in Maine on Tuesday in a closely watched referendum that gay-rights activists across the country hoped would prove for the first time that their cause can prevail at the ballot box.

Voters had to decide whether to repeal or affirm a state law that would allow gay couples to wed. The law was passed by the Legislature in May but never took effect because of a petition drive by conservatives.

Returns showed a close contest, as had been forecast. With 481 of 608 precincts reporting, those in favor of repealing gay marriage led 52 percent to 48 percent.

A vote to uphold the law would mark the first time that the electorate in any state endorsed gay marriage. That could energize activists nationwide and blunt conservative claims that same-sex marriage is being foisted on states by judges or lawmakers over the will of the public.

However, repeal—in New England, the region of the country most supportive of gay couples—would be another heartbreaking defeat for the marriage-equality movement, following the vote against gay marriage in

California a year ago.

It also would mark the first time voters had torpedoes a gay-marriage law enacted by a legislature. When Californians rejected same-sex marriage, it was in response to a court ruling, not legislation.

Maine's secretary of state, Matthew Dunlap, said turnout seemed higher than expected for an off-year election and voter interest appeared intense. Even before Tuesday, more than 100,000 people—out of about 1 million registered voters—had voted absentee or by early voting.

Five other states have legalized gay marriage—Iowa, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Connecticut—but all did so through legislation or court rulings, not by popular vote. In contrast, constitutional amendments banning gay marriage have been approved in all 30 states where they have been on the ballot.

Hundreds of gay-marriage supporters gathered in a Portland hotel ballroom in the evening to await the results. On display was a three-tiered wedding cake topped with two grooms on one side, two brides on the other, and the words “We All Do.”

# Colbert skates into new stunt

### Associated Press

**NEW YORK** Of the many countries participating at the Vancouver Olympics, add Colbert Nation to the list.

On Monday's “The Colbert Report,” Stephen Colbert announced his show has become the primary sponsor of the U.S. Speedskating team.

The team's largest annual cash sponsor, DSB Bank NV, left the team in the lurch after it declared bankruptcy in October.

The name “Colbert Nation”—the catchall for the legion of ardent fans of the satirical Comedy Central program—will be emblazoned on the team's uniforms.

“On their enormous, billboard thighs, it will say, ‘Colbert Nation,’” Colbert said in an interview before Monday evening's taping. “Be looking for that logo as it comes around the final turn. It will be easy to see because it will be in first place.”

Speedskating has produced some of the most iconic figures in U.S. Olympic history, from Eric Heiden to Dan Jansen and Bonnie Blair.

In all, Americans have claimed 75 medals—32 of them gold—on the traditional long track oval and the wild-and-wooly short track rink. In Vancouver, Shani Davis, Chad Hedrick and short track star Apolo Anton Ohno will all be vying for medals.



**Colbert**

# Faceoff: Amazon vs. Walmart vs. Target

The book price wars are no longer just for pre-orders. Three online retailers slashed the price of John Grisham's “Ford County” and Barbara Kingsolver's “The Lacuna” on Tuesday, the official release date for both books. Hardcover generally have a list price of \$24 or higher.

Authors, publishers and rival booksellers worry that cutting prices so low will harm competition and force down the cost of books overall, leading to a reduction in author advances.

Here's a look at how it shook out. **AP**

### Amazon

The online retailer was offering hardcovers of both titles for just \$9 on Tuesday.

### Walmart

In mid-October, **walmart.com** announced dramatic discounts for pre-orders of “Ford County,” Sarah Palin's “Going Rogue” and other popular November publications. **Walmart.com** initially charged \$9 for the books, a price quickly matched by **amazon.com**, then dropped to \$8.98 by Walmart.

On Tuesday, **walmart.com** was selling “Ford County” for \$12 and “The Lacuna” for \$13.50.

### Target

Another price cutter, **target.com**, was selling “Ford County” for \$15 and “The Lacuna” for \$18.89.

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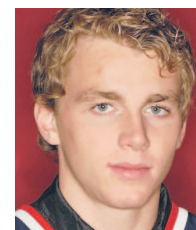
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# Did costumes cross the line?

When a photo surfaced this week of Blackhawks stars Patrick Kane and Adam Burish dressed as former Bulls Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman for Halloween, blogger Ernest Wilkins raised the question about whether they should have painted their faces to complete the costumes (they did). Here is a sampling of the debate about the picture, plus comments from a couple of other stories that caught our readers' attention this week.



**Kane**

## Don't even go there

Man, that's some serious message-board flame on the part of those wishing to defend Kane ("My letter to Patrick Kane: C'mon son," RedEye blog, Nov. 2). Fact of the matter is, "if roles were reversed ..." doesn't work because in your hypothetical, you're not reversing all of the roles. You're not willing to reverse which group has seen centuries of varying levels of oppression. So if you were to say to me, "What if it was a black person dressing up in whiteface?" I would think that was wrong too, so long as the historical context were also reversed.

—NATE ON [REDEYETCHICAGO.COM/BLOGS](http://REDEYETCHICAGO.COM/BLOGS)

## Just Halloween costumes

It's a stupid look but I think Halloween is the one time it is acceptable just because people do all kinds of stupid stuff on Halloween. It's not like he was doing this on some random night just to be funny.

—PANNAM1 ON [REDEYETCHICAGO.COM/BLOGS](http://REDEYETCHICAGO.COM/BLOGS)

## Pluses and minuses of Facebook

Best redesign Facebook has done yet ("An open letter to Facebook," Ch@t column, Nov. 2). With granular controls in the settings, this gives the user ultimate usability. I think once people get used to their "moved cheese" they will love these improvements. All that being said, FB SUCKS at actually notifying users of impending changes; that is an area they could really use some help in.

—KEVINJBOWMAN ON [REDEYETCHICAGO.COM/BLOGS](http://REDEYETCHICAGO.COM/BLOGS)

## Get real with relationships

More telling than the relationships I've built online are the number I've obliterated with a single click of the mouse ("Shopping for boys: The world of online dating," Accidentally Sexy blog, Nov. 3). My advice to anyone looking to meet people online: Use it as your initial vehicle, then step away from your laptops and interact in person. The Internet is too big—and those little text boxes are WAY too small—for anything good to come of a romance conducted even just a bit behind those computer screens.

—PAIGE WORTHY ON [REDEYETCHICAGO.COM/BLOGS](http://REDEYETCHICAGO.COM/BLOGS)



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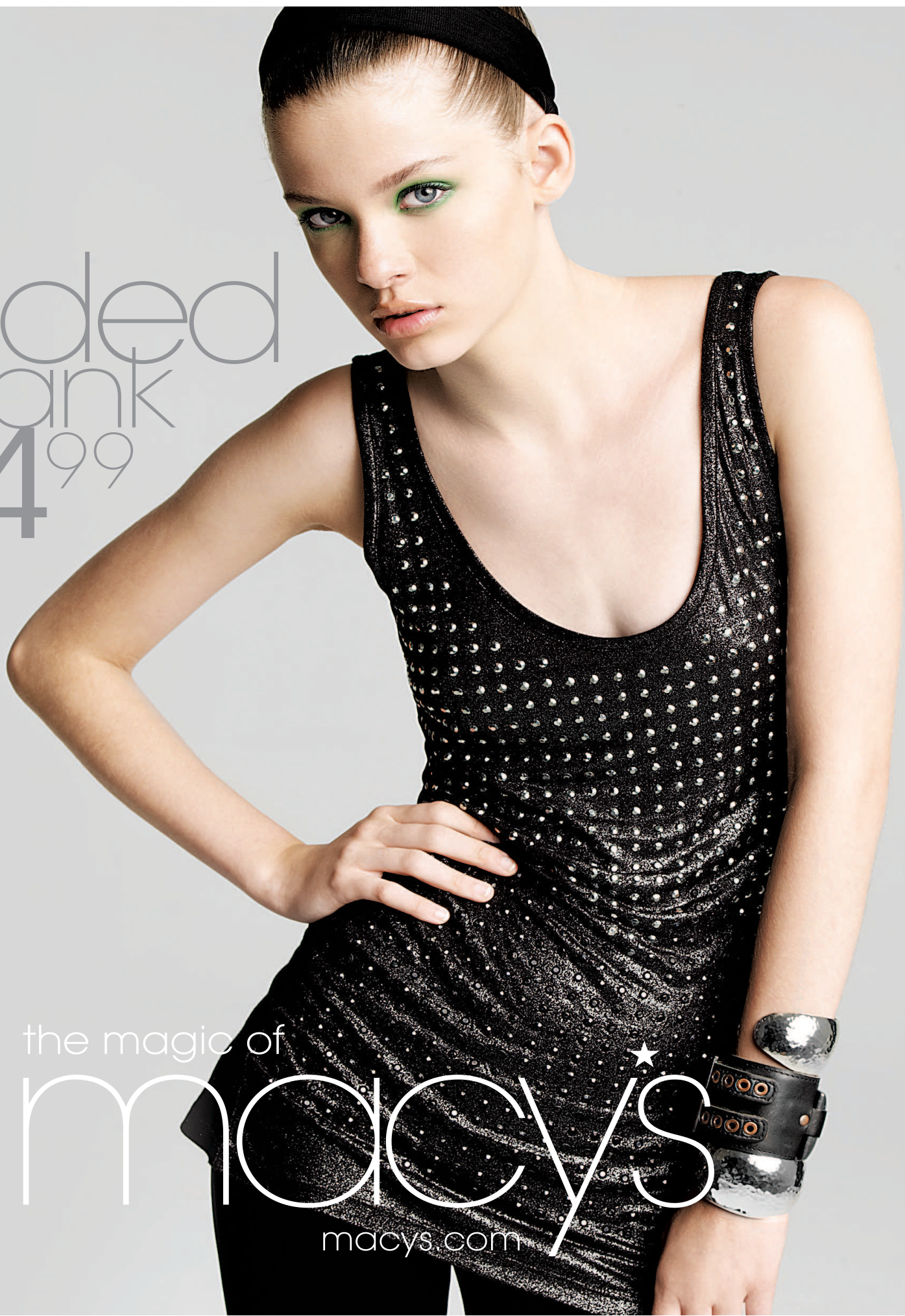
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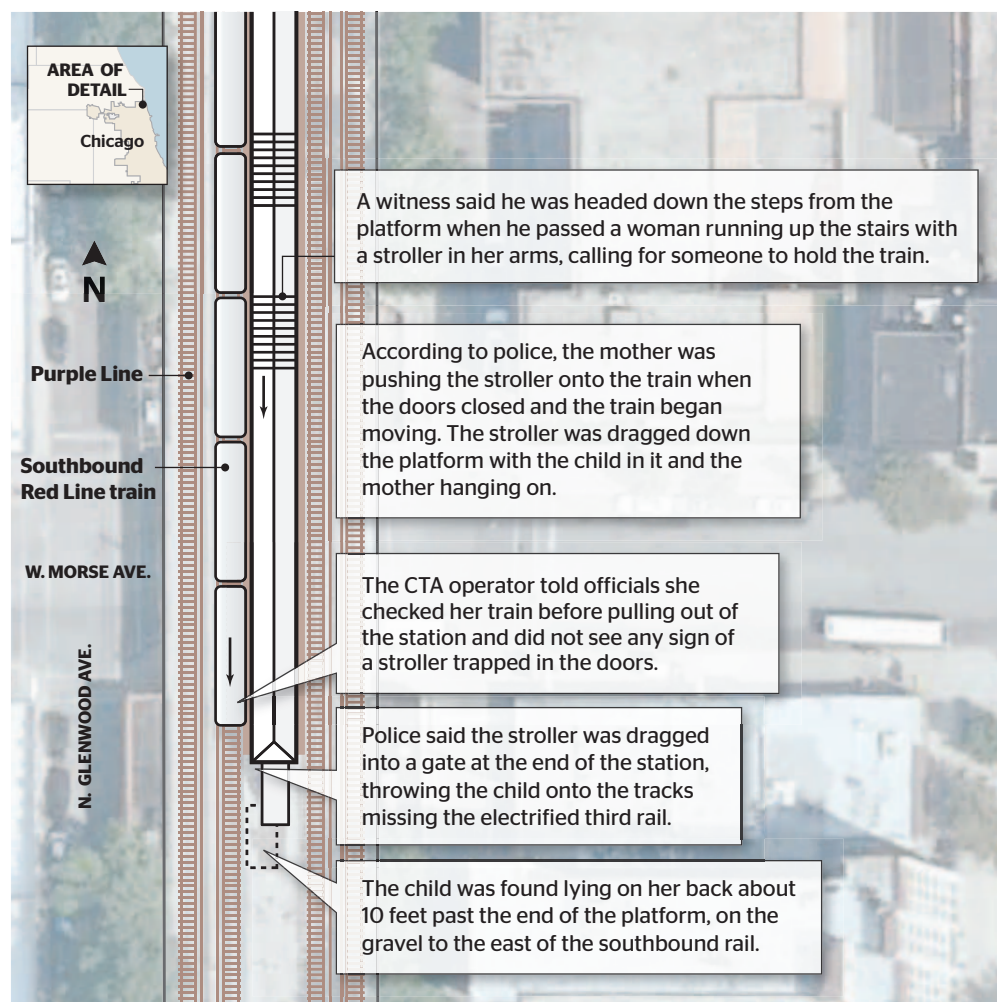


# 'THE TRAIN TOOK MY BABY'

**MOTHER SAYS TRAIN DRAGGED STROLLER; CTA SAYS INVESTIGATION NOT COMPLETE**

## Scene of the Red Line stroller incident

The Chicago police and CTA are investigating how a 22-month-old girl was dragged in her stroller alongside the tracks of a Red Line train Monday evening. According to reports from police and witness accounts, the following is an estimate of what occurred at the Morse station.



SOURCES: CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT, GOOGLE EARTH, TRIBUNE REPORTING

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### Chicago Tribune

Joel and Rebecca Weinberg had just stepped off a Red Line train Monday evening and were headed down the Morse station steps when a woman rushed past them with a baby stroller in her arms.

She called for someone to hold the train.

"Then we heard a scream," said Joel Weinberg, 38. "You hear a scream like that—we stopped on the stairs and said: 'That can't be good.'"

The Weinbergs immediately returned to the platform, where the mother was crying hysterically and yelling, "The train took my baby!"

About 10 feet past the end of the platform, on the gravel to the left of the inside rail, Joel Weinberg saw the child. The conscious 22-month-old girl named Rachel was flat on her back, lying amid other items knocked out of the stroller, he said.

The mother, Ebere Ozonwu, 26, jumped off the platform and scooped up her daughter. She handed the seemingly unharmed child to Joel Weinberg.

The train was long gone. But the questions about the incident and the child's survival had only just begun.

The CTA continues to investigate the incident and has suspended the train's driver without pay while conducting a preliminary review. The agency, however, won't confirm whether the stroller was caught in the car door or dragged down the platform.

Robert Kelly, president of the Amalgamated Transit Union's Local 308 that represents CTA train operators, also has questions about what occurred. For an event to unfold like Ozonwu described, it would require both a major machine malfunction and an operating error.

Chicago police are investigating the incident as an accident.

The train driver, a mother of three who has worked for the agency for six years, told



Joel and Rebecca Weinberg downtown Tuesday, a day after helping Ebere Ozonwu, who said her 22-month-old girl was dragged in a stroller onto the CTA Red Line tracks at the Morse Station on Monday evening.

MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE

union officials her control panel did not indicate any problems with the doors as she pulled out of the Rogers Park station around 6:30 p.m. and headed south. If something had been caught in the doors, the sensors should have bounced the doors back open much like elevator doors.

The Red Line train would not be able to move if the system detected the doors were not completely closed, Kelly said. "I'm having a hard time believing it happened like that," he said.

The driver could have overridden the system with a special key, but there's no indication that she took such an action, Kelly said.

CTA President Richard Rodriguez said the investigation is not complete, but preliminary tests suggest the doors were functioning prop-

The CTA Morse Station on the Red Line in Rogers Park.  
NUCCIO DINUZZO/TRIBUNE



erly. “So far, the tests indicate that there’s nothing wrong with the rail car,” he said.

CTA procedure also requires the driver to look outside the cab before leaving the station to make sure the doors are completely shut. Operators are instructed to observe the outside signal lights by each train door, as well, to determine that the doors are all closed before proceeding to the next stop.

The driver told union officials that she made the checks before leaving the station and did not see a stroller, Kelly said.

Ozonwu told police that the train dragged

**CHILD RELEASED**

The child, who suffered only minor injuries, was held overnight at Children’s Memorial Hospital for observation and released Tuesday afternoon. Ozonwu, a Nigerian immigrant who works as a home aide, released a statement calling her daughter’s survival “the handiwork of God” and thanked God for a miraculous intervention.

the umbrella stroller down the North Side platform before it hit a metal barrier at the end and catapulted the child onto a berm alongside the

tracks. Rachel was not buckled into her seat.

Kelly estimates the train would have been going about 15 to 20 mph when the stroller hit the barrier.

CTA officials contacted the driver, whose name has not been released, and asked her to look for the stroller shortly after she left the Loyola station, her first stop after Morse. When she pulled into the Granville station, the driver saw no sign of the stroller and walked through the train cars twice asking riders if they saw anything, Kelly said. No one mentioned seeing the child or the stroller.

She then turned the driving duties over to her supervisor, per agency procedure.

“She is very distraught over this,” said Kelly, who trained the driver several years ago.

A CTA rider turned the stroller in at the Berwyn station, three stops after the Granville platform where the operator said she inspected the entire train. The rider gave the stroller to the driver of the train directly behind the one in the incident, Kelly said.

Kelly said he did not know why the rider did not come forward during the Granville inspection.

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# OH MY, THE STRESS!

**SURVEY SAYS CHICAGOANS ARE INCREASINGLY STRESSED, YET COPING**

## Chicago Tribune

As the economic downturn drags on, Chicagoans are increasingly stressed about work and job stability, according to a new survey from the American Psychological Association released Tuesday.

But people may be mastering the art of managing stress: More Chicagoans are exercising, walking and reading while fewer are eating excessively, drinking alcohol, shopping too much or smoking to help deal with their feelings, the survey reports.

"We think people are habituating to stress," said Dr. Nancy Molitor, public education coordinator for the Illinois Psychological Association. "It's the new normal."

People may be learning to cope with ongoing high levels of anxiety and uncertainty. This year, significantly fewer adults said they were feeling depressed or sad (28 percent in 2009 vs. 47 percent in 2008), suffering from headaches (23 percent vs. 40 percent last year) or experiencing irritability or anger (32 percent vs. 56 percent).

Job satisfaction is declining, however: 66 percent of Chicagoans agreed that "all in all, I am satisfied with my job," compared with 74 percent last year. Fewer than half of respondents (48 percent) said they would recommend their workplace to others.

## OUR FRIENDS SAY

We asked our Twitter followers what they thought of the survey and the state of stress in Chicago:

**@DelonTx8:** Work and bad weather contributes to the stress

**@laman:** Between work, class, homework, and being worried about staying fed, I don't have time to stress about job stability.

**@nodaybuttoday08**  
Isn't everyone?

**@maureen:** I lost my job in Feb, now have a better one, much more money and less stress — as more come out like me, this will change.

"People are just sort of enduring difficult situations and going through the motions, doing whatever they think they have to do to get by," Molitor said.

That may be sapping their motivation to lead healthier, better balanced lives. Although 54 percent of survey participants reported being told they had a chronic condition, a whopping 46 percent said they lacked the willpower to make needed changes. Nationally, only one-third of adults reported a similar failure of willpower.

STRESSING  
THE  
NUMBERS

**72%**

of Chicagoans listed work as a significant source of stress

**66%**

said the same thing last year.

**52%**

said job stability evoked substantial discomfort

**42%**

said the same thing last year.

208 adults participated in this year's survey.

## Man charged in death of pregnant mother of five



Cox

## Chicago Tribune

Cited more than a dozen times for driving without a valid license, James Cox kept on driving, according to records. He was finally charged with a felony Tuesday, but it came after prosecutors say he caused a tragic wreck when a pregnant mother of five was struck and killed as she stood on a West Side sidewalk.

Prosecutors revealed for the first time that Cox was impaired as he ran a red light, triggering the crash. He was charged with aggravated driving under the influ-

ence, causing a death.

The case raises questions about whether Cox's repeated offenses for driving without a license should have been red-flagged and kept him off the road.

Traffic-safety experts say preventing unlicensed driving is difficult. Some motorists routinely flout the rules. Backlogged courts and overcrowded jails are often overwhelmed by more serious offenses. And the problem is complicated because licenses can be revoked for non-driving offenses such as failing to pay child support.

Kim Brown was near Kostner Avenue and Washington Boulevard on Oct. 21 when two vans collided, sending one vehicle crashing into Brown on a sidewalk. Brown's baby was delivered by cesarean section after the crash, but both Brown, 27, and her son died.

"He shouldn't have been driving," said Brown's grandmother, Ivie, who is caring for the children, aged 3 to 12.

He is scheduled to appear in bond court on Wednesday on the fatal DUI charge. He faces up to 14 years in prison if convicted of the offense.

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# Ryan launches campaign

**SPRINGFIELD** Former Illinois Atty. Gen. Jim Ryan kicked off his comeback as a Republican candidate for governor Tuesday, saying he would cut spending, refuse to raise taxes and run the highly ethical administration that the people of Illinois deserve.



**Ryan**

“With one former governor in prison and his successor under indictment, it is no wonder that we have lost faith in our government,” Ryan said. “The social contract in Illinois has been breached.”

Jim Ryan was referring to both Democrat Rod

Blagojevich, who beat him in the 2002 governor’s race but was removed from power and faces political corruption charges, and former Republican Gov. George Ryan, who is serving time for scandals that stemmed from his days as secretary of state. Jim Ryan and George Ryan are not related.

Soon after Jim Ryan threw down the ethics card, however, he found himself answering a series of questions about Stuart Levine—the largest campaign donor of his career and a longtime friend convicted of political corruption as part of the Blagojevich probe.

“I have a clear conscience. I’ve done nothing wrong,” Jim Ryan said. “There was no taint in my office. I ran a clean attorney general office.”

Levine, reappointed to state boards in the Blagojevich administration, pleaded guilty to corruption and testified in the federal shakedown trial of Blagojevich fund-raiser, Tony Rezko, who has been convicted.

Ryan told WGN-AM’s Greg Jarrett he got into the contest because he believes he brings “a fresh perspective” to government after sitting out seven years following his 2002 loss to Blagojevich.

“I think I bring a fresh perspective. I’ve been out of government for a long time,” Ryan said. “I love public service. I believe in public service. I don’t really think the government is supposed to be the problem, it’s supposed to be at least part of the solution and it hasn’t been.”

## Trimming the tree—and the budget

The City of Chicago is going a little bit smaller this year on the Christmas tree.

Last year, the city put up a 90-foot-high tree that was actually made up of 113 smaller trees.

This year, the Office of Special Events says Chicago has downsized its plans. The tree that will go up in Daley Plaza will be a single tree, and the 56-foot blue spruce was donated by a Palos Heights family.

It will be the first time since 1955 that Chicago has put up a single Christmas tree.

Special Events chief Megan McDonald says the municipal tree has carried a price tag in “the low six figures” in recent years. She says the city expects to spend half that this year.

The tree will be decorated with 7,000 energy-saving LED lights donated by Underwriters Laboratories.

The tree lightning ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. Nov. 25, according to the Mayor’s Office of Special Events. On hand to light the tree along with Mayor Daley and Underwriters Laboratories CEO Keith Williams will be Chicago’s own Bonnie Hunt.



## Putting out the fire

Firefighters responded Tuesday afternoon to a fire in a 48-story residential building near Columbus and Wacker Drives. No injuries were reported when the fire broke out about 3 p.m. in a cooling tower on the building’s roof, said Chicago Fire Department spokesman Qution Curtis. The blaze was confined to the roof, he said.

SCOTT STRAZZANTE/TRIBUNE

### Watchdog supports CTA 2010 budget

The CTA’s proposed 2010 budget, which includes fare hikes, service cuts and staff reductions, is a fair response to significant declines in available revenues, the Civic Federation said Tuesday. After analyzing the proposed \$1.3 billion plan, the civic watchdog group said it supports the proposal. “While it may be painful to both riders and CTA workers, the budget tackles a revenue crisis directly while avoiding quick fixes that just delay the inevitable another year,” the organization said.

### Block 37 heads for opening

Joseph Freed and Associates said Tuesday it has signed leases for 13 new tenants at Block 37, the embattled Loop retail development that has been threatened with foreclosure. The new tenants—which include Sephora, Michelle Tan and Comic Vault—are a mix of chains and local shops. Freed, which is contesting the foreclosure lawsuit, said it plans to open by Thanksgiving.

### Man shot, killed in Chatham

A man was shot and killed outside a store Tuesday morning in Chatham, police said. Officers responded about 10 a.m. to a call of a person shot near 79th Street and St. Lawrence Avenue, said Chicago Police Officer John Mirabelli. The man was identified as Bobby Shine, 24, according to a spokesman for the Cook County medical examiner’s office.

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## Church leaders cross over ruling

**1** The Vatican on Tuesday denounced a ruling by the European court of human rights that said the display of crucifixes in Italian public schools violates religious and education freedoms.

## Transit strike

**2** The Philadelphia transit system's largest union went on strike early Tuesday, stalling the city's bus, subway and trolley operations a day after the World Series shifted to New York.

## Bush pitches

**3** Former President George W. Bush threw out the ceremonial first pitch Tuesday before Game 3 of the Japan Series between the Yomiuri Giants and Nippon Ham Fighters in Tokyo.

## Madoff ally pleads guilty

**4** Disgraced financier Bernard Madoff's longtime auditor has pleaded guilty to securities fraud and other charges. David Friehling entered the plea Tuesday in federal court in Manhattan.

## No jail. Some shame.

**5** In exchange for no jail time, a woman and her adult daughter have agreed to stand outside a Pennsylvania courthouse holding signs saying they stole a gift card from a 9-year-old girl on her birthday.



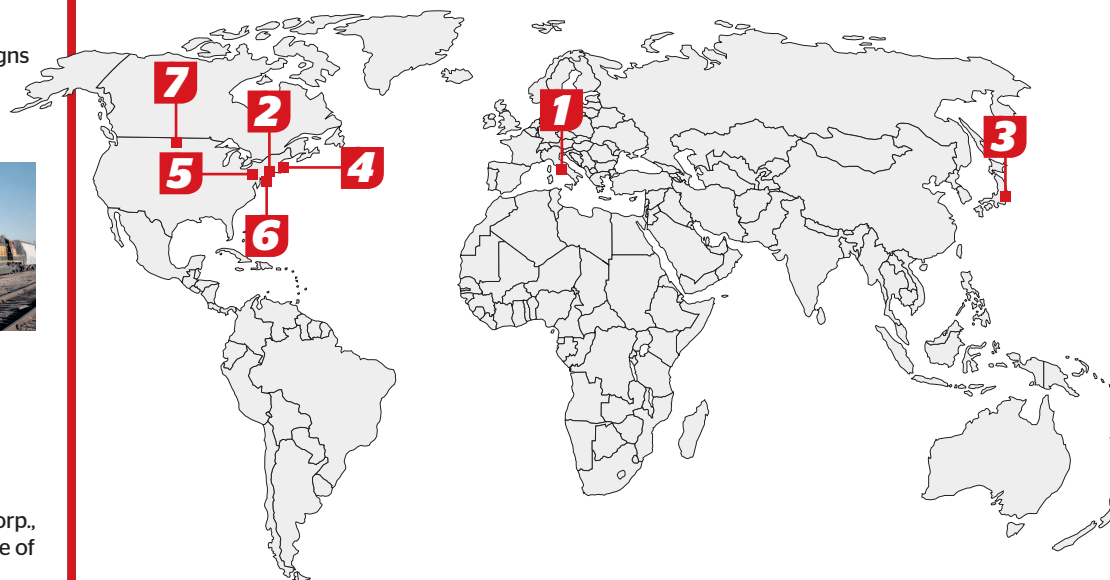
## \$34 BILLION

Warren Buffett has made bets on railroads before, but now he's all in. The billionaire investor's Berkshire Hathaway Inc. on Tuesday agreed to buy Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp., making a \$34 billion bet on the future of the U.S. economy. **BLOOMBERG**



## One year later

**6** President Obama talks on the phone Monday in the Oval Office with Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai. Obama was elected president one year ago Wednesday. **NANCY STONE/TRIBUNE**



# 3 missing students found dead

## College softball players in Jeep pulled from pond

**7 DICKINSON, N.D.** Three missing North Dakota college softball players were found dead Tuesday in a Jeep pulled from a pond, and police said they believed the women were in the vehicle when they made two desperate calls to friends for help.

Police Lt. Rod Banyai said officers are investigating the cause of the deaths and autopsies are planned. He said he believes the women were in the Jeep when they called for help, but he didn't know whether it already was under water when those calls were made.

"At this time, foul play is not suspected," Banyai said Tuesday night.

Authorities had been searching since late Sunday night for Kyrstin Gemar, 22, of San Diego; Afton Williamson, 20, of Lake Elsinore, Calif.; and Ashley Neufeld, 21, of Brandon, Manitoba.

The Dickinson State University students were believed to be in the white 1997 Jeep Cherokee with California plates Sunday when two of their friends received telephone calls before the lines went dead. Police described the first as a "very scratchy" call for help in which one of the women said they were near a lake and water.

Banyai said the 12-foot deep pond where the women were found is on a farm northwest of Dickinson, a city of 16,000 people about 100 miles west of Bismarck. Vehicle tracks were found leading into the pond Tuesday afternoon, he said.

"After that was located, the plane flew over the top and it could see that there was a white object in the water," Banyai said. The submerged vehicle was pulled from the pond about two hours later.

Banyai said the vehicle will be checked for defects. He said authorities don't know how it got into the pond.

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# STUDS & DUDS

## AWARDS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE FANTASY FOOTBALL SEASON

By Ryan Smith  
FOR REDEYE

Forget the bye week. If it were up to me, NFL Commish Roger Goodell would make the first week of November fantasy football break week. We wouldn't need an actual All-Star game played (The Pro Bowl is about as intense as a two-hand touch game at a family reunion), but it would just give fantasy owners some time to recover from eight weeks of constant waiver-wire vigils, pleading trade-related e-mails to other owners and all-day Sunday stress. But since ol' Rog won't return my calls, it looks as if we'll just have to make do with putting the first half of the fantasy season under the knife, Dr. Fantasy-style.

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Peyton Manning  
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FANTASY  
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Peyton Manning

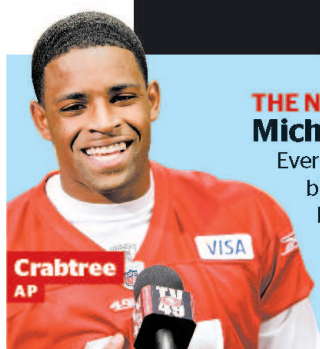
**Resume check:** Future Hall-of-Famer, an engaging pitchman, laugh-out-loud funny on "Saturday Night Live" and now having a dominating 2009 with more than 2,200 yards passing and 15 touchdowns. Who wouldn't want to be Peyton Manning? Until we develop body-swap machines, the nearest thing is to own him in fantasy.

**Runners up:** Drew Brees, Matt Schaub

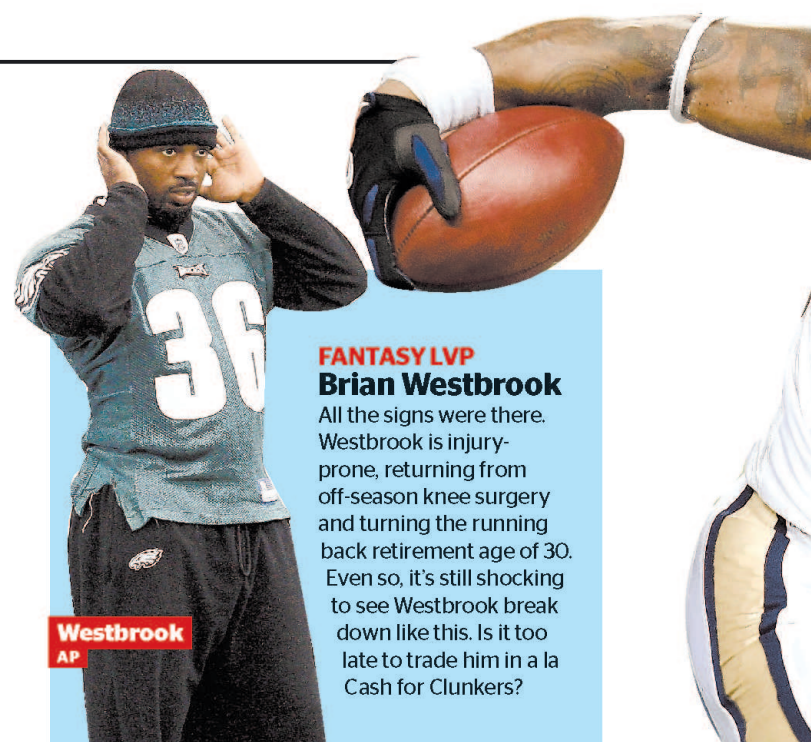
### THE NEVER TRUST A DIVA AWARD Michael Crabtree

Everything about Michael Crabtree—the cocky interviews, the bling-tastic diamond earrings and the pre-draft demands for big money—indicated the big wideout's diva factor would rank higher than Mariah Carey's. So it should have come as little surprise that his holdout has cost fantasy owners big time.

**Runner up:** Terrell Owens



Crabtree  
AP



### FANTASY LVP Brian Westbrook

All the signs were there. Westbrook is injury-prone, returning from off-season knee surgery and turning the running back retirement age of 30. Even so, it's still shocking to see Westbrook break down like this. Is it too late to trade him in a la Cash for Clunkers?

Westbrook  
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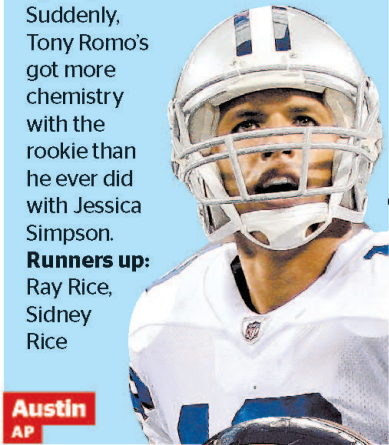


**THE BARACK OBAMA MEMORIAL LEAVING CHICAGO WAS A GOOD CAREER MOVE AWARD**  
**Kyle Orton and Cedric Benson**

If you time-traveled to 2007 and told Bears fans that Orton and Benson would someday be among the top fantasy players, they might have slapped you and set your flying DeLorean on fire. But it's true: Captain Neckbeard and Admiral Party Boat are fantasy titans.  
**Runners up:** Thomas Jones, Bernard Berrian

**THE WHERE THE [BLEEP] DID THIS COME FROM AWARD**  
**Miles Austin**

In the first three starts of his career, Cowboys wide receiver Miles Austin has compiled 482 yards receiving, totally destroying the record set by Anquan Boldin. Suddenly, Tony Romo's got more chemistry with the rookie than he ever did with Jessica Simpson.  
**Runners up:** Ray Rice, Sidney Rice



Austin  
AP

**THE WHEN IS A STEVE SMITH NOT A STEVE SMITH AWARD**

How exactly are we supposed to deal with the fact that the N.Y. Giants' Steve Smith has way more fantasy production than Carolina's version? Has a star athlete at his peak ever been surpassed by another athlete by the same name before? It's very confusing for everyone involved.



Smith  
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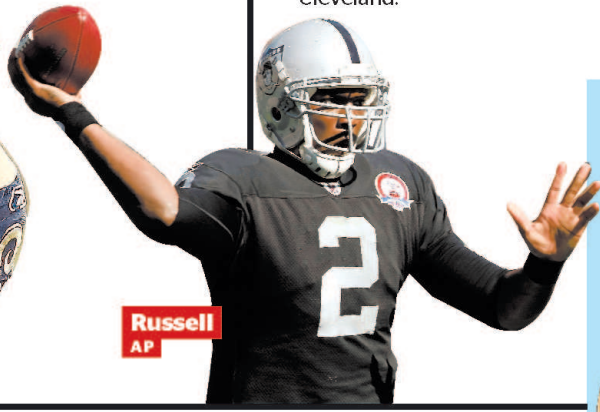
Smith  
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**THE THESE CATS ARE WILD AWARD**  
**Miami**

Growl all you want about gimmicks, but Miami's wildcat offense has paid big dividends for RBs Ronnie Brown and Ricky Williams, who have combined for 12 TDs.

**THE LEARNING TO THROW WOULD PROBABLY HELP AWARD**  
**JaMarcus Russell**

JaMarcus Russell set the bar so low with his horrible play this season that Sunday's 109-yard effort in which he was sacked five times, threw a pick and lost the game, spurred him to say he thought he did a good job. Yikes! If Al Davis were alive, he'd never let this happen. Oh, wait.  
**Runners up:** The two-headed Brady Quinn-Derek Anderson monster in Cleveland.



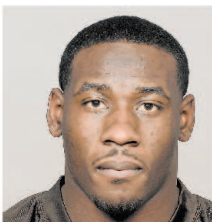
Russell  
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**THE HEY BUDDY, CAN YOU SPARE ME AN END ZONE AWARD**  
**Steven Jackson**

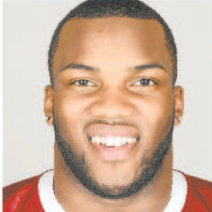
Pity poor Steven Jackson and his fantasy owners. He's been a one-man team for the hapless St. Louis and is second in the NFL with 784 rushing yards, but he's only managed to hit paydirt once. In other words, Action Jackson ain't getting much of it.  
**Runners up:** Fred Jackson, Clinton Portis



Jackson  
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Davis



Wells



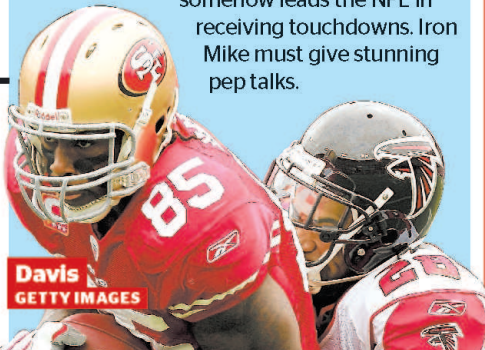
Brown

**DISAPPEARING ROOKIE RUNNING CLASS AWARD**

Fantasy owners were excited about first-year backs James Davis, Beanie Wells, Donald Brown and others, but so far none of them have warranted seeing much time in your lineup.

**THE FROM THE DOGHOUSE TO THE PENTHOUSE AWARD**  
**Vernon Davis**

49ers coach Mike Singletary was so upset with underachieving tight end Vernon Davis that he benched him in the middle of a game last season. Now, Davis somehow leads the NFL in receiving touchdowns. Iron Mike must give stunning pep talks.



Davis  
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**Fantasy tricks, treats**



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Several fantasy players in Week 8 had scary-good performances, which is appropriate considering it was Halloween weekend. But which ones were tricks (one-week flukes), and which ones were treats (hot streak on the way)? Let's take a look.



**TRICK**

**RYAN MOATS, RUNNING BACK, HOUSTON**

This Texans backup cast a spell on the Bills' porous running D to a tune of 126 rushing yards and three TDs, but Moats' magic will run out soon. He's worth a waiver wire claim, but there's no guarantee he starts over Steve Slaton next week.



**TREAT**

**CHRIS JOHNSON, RUNNING BACK, TENNESSEE**

Vince Young's return seemed to spark the Titans, and Johnson could be ready for a bountiful November.



**TRICK**

**MATT FORTE, RUNNING BACK, BEARS**

His 90 rush yards and two scores let Chicagoans breathe a sigh of relief, but let's not get too excited. This was against a mind-blowingly inept Browns team that often gave the Bears a short field to work with.



**TREAT**

**BRETT FAVRE, QUARTERBACK, MINNESOTA**

I know, we're all tired of hearing about him. But Favre now has three games this season with at least three touchdowns, and he and his media circus haven't showed signs of slowing down.

**Locks of the week**

**Joseph Addai, running back, vs. Houston:** With Addai's competition Donald Brown out, Addai should have plenty more looks.

**Ryan Grant, running back, vs. Tampa Bay:** Grant wasn't much of a factor in the Favre Bowl, but look for an expanded role against the Buccaneers this week.

**Jason Witten, tight end, vs. Philadelphia:** Witten owners are still looking for that elusive breakout game, and I think it will come against the Eagles.

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# Four score

If there were a Five on Five fantasy league, chances are these five would be first-round busts. No pun intended, Tracy. Play at [redychicago.com/5on5](http://redychicago.com/5on5).



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<b>1</b> How are the Bears going to deal with two games in four days Sunday and next Thursday?	They're going to have Jay Cutler throw on three days' rest.	These periods attract Bears. Bears can smell the blood loss—because it's their own.	By losing one of them. I'll let you pick which one.	Luckily, it's two games against the NFC West. I wouldn't be too scared.	They are gonna put Robbie Gould's leg on ice and have him ready for the red zone.
<b>2</b> How concerned are you about Jonathan Toews?	It's a head injury; I'm very concerned. Especially since Tracy never recovered from hers.	I'd say it's a black day for hockey, but the Hawks have already gone there.	About as concerned as I am about my Halloween pics seeing the light of day—VERY.	Sure, but a little brain damage probably helps when you're playing hockey.	Very after seeing him dressed up as "Dumb & Dumber" with Burish.
<b>3</b> What's going on with Tyrus Thomas?	He's a classic NBA "Me" guy. The die has been cast, trade him now before his value plummets even more.	Del Negro hasn't impressed on Thomas that Charles is, in fact, in charge.	Call it the curse of Elton Brand. No power forward has succeeded since he left. Think about it.	Another day, another doghouse for Tyrus. He's so very hot and cold.	Can't get it right.
<b>4</b> We're around the halfway point for most fantasy leagues. How is your team doing?	I started out 4-0. Now I'm 4-4. So I'm doing awesome! And horrible.	SwartzCenter is out. But unlike at our ESPN counterpart, fantasy play is still OK.	I WOULD be in first if Matt Ryan hadn't done his best Danny Wuerffel impression Monday night.	Third, but don't worry, Dr. Fantasy's undergrad degree was in winning.	I'm beating Jimmy, that's all that matters.
<b>5</b> Who's your fantasy MVP so far?	Heather Graham.	UF Athletics Director Jeremy Foley, or as I call him, Lord of the Rings.	Miles Austin from Dallas. If you just said, "Who?" then it's already too late.	Peyton Manning is the fantasy MVP and, oh yeah, the real-life MVP so far.	Drew Brees.

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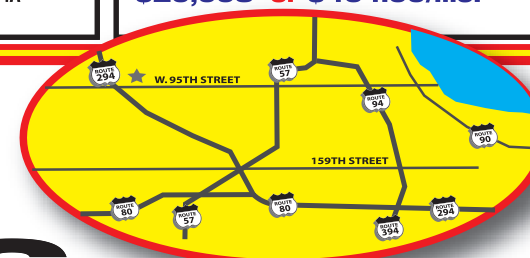
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New Cubs owner Tom Ricketts appeared with Greg Jarrett on WGN (720-AM) Tuesday morning and talked about improvements in the works for the Cubs and Wrigley Field. Ricketts wants the Cubs' payroll to remain in the top three in baseball and he plans on improving the food options and bathrooms at Wrigley Field.

CBS sportscaster Jim Nantz must pay \$916,000 yearly in alimony and child support to his ex-wife and give up their Connecticut home under terms of a newly issued divorce decree.



Derrick Rose dribbles by Milwaukee's Brandon Jennings.  
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**BULLS 83, MILWAUKEE 81**

# Bulls buck Milwaukee

Luol Deng scored 24 points while grabbing a career-high 20 rebounds, and the Bulls rallied from 18 down to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 83-81 on Tuesday night.

The Bucks had a chance to win it after Joakim Noah missed two free throws, but Ersan Ilyasova missed a 3-pointer, the ball landing out of bounds with 1.8 seconds left.

Derrick Rose scored 10 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter as the Bulls rebounded from back-to-back losses with a wild win. His dunk on a backdoor cut bumped the Bulls' lead to 82-75 with 1:28 left, but he also committed a costly turnover in the final minute, when Brandon Jennings picked off a pass and pulled up for a jumper that made it 82-81 with 22 seconds left.

The Bulls' Brad Miller then hit the second free throw after missing the first. Noah blocked Jennings but missed both free throws with 13.7 seconds left, keeping the Bucks within two. But they couldn't capitalize.

Jennings took the inbound, passed off to Ilyasova, who missed. It was a bitter finish for the Bucks, who were without the injured Michael Redd.

Jennings scored 25 points to lead Milwaukee.



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By Rebecca Palmore  
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**wed 4** **Road to Fame**  
Mahoney's Pub & Grill,  
551 N. Ogden Ave.  
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Audition for the bar's second annual crooning contest, featuring \$500 cash and a trip to L.A. for the winner. 8 p.m. No cover. RSVP recommended to compete: [mahoneysroadtofame.com](http://mahoneysroadtofame.com)

### Wine tasting

Webster's Wine Bar, 1480 W. Webster Ave. 773-868-0608

Forget your own changing senses; learn how aging affects wine by sampling about 25 selections, some older than 15 years. 7:30 p.m. \$40.

**thu 5** **Jessica Halem**  
Center on Halsted,  
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Fill up on mid-week laughs with stand-up sets from the local lesbian comic, plus Cameron Esposito and Bill Cruz. 8 p.m. \$10-\$20.

### 'The Big Gay Musical'

Music Box Theatre,  
3733 N. Southport Ave.

Reeling 2009, the Chicago Lesbian and Gay International Film Festival, launches with a screening of Casper Andreas' new musical. Pair it with an after-party at Architectural Artifacts. 7:30 p.m. \$10-\$12 film; \$32-\$35 film and party. 773-293-1447.

**fri 6** **'The Interview Show'**  
Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave.  
773-227-4433

Mark Bazer talks with actress and writer Julia Sweeney, fashion designer Maria Pinto and others. With performances by bands Brighton, MA and Lola Balatro. 6:30 p.m. \$5.

### Art Fair 2009

Marwen, 833 N. Orleans St.  
312-944-2418

Browse works from 80 students, teachers, staff and alumni of the art-education facility at the spot's opening night party for the annual art fair (through Nov. 13). 6:30 p.m. \$20 suggested donation Friday only.

# Room with a brew

Host your seasonal bash in these new bars' private nooks



By Lisa Arnett

Holiday season is well on its way and by no fault of your own, you're the planner. Whether your boss has tasked you with organizing the department's holiday bash or your circle of friends is looking to you to mastermind an end-of-year reunion, these bars have your back with private party options.

**NOTE:** All bars can customize their offerings based on party needs. Prices provided are estimates; rates can vary based on day of the week, size of party and other details.

### BOOZY DINNER PARTY

The velvet curtain-draped back room at Boystown bar **The 44th Ward Dinner Party** (3542 N. Halsted St. 773-857-2911) is best suited for ... well, a dinner party. Bonus: There's a photo booth to commemorate the occasion. **Capacity:** 15-22 seated; 30-40 standing  
**Rental fee:** None  
**Price per person:** \$10-\$20 for drinks and \$15-\$25 for food for two-hour parties. The best value is \$25 for beer and wine plus a salad, house-made chips, a baked potato bar, a grilled cheese sandwich and dessert.  
**Minimums:** None  
**Reserve:** [party@the44thward.com](mailto:party@the44thward.com)

### END-OF-YEAR BIZ MEETING

If discussing next year's company budget is on your agenda, the glassed-in dining room at downtown tavern **Sweetwater** (225 N. Michigan Ave. 312-698-7111) has you covered with Power Point-ready flat screens and an independent sound system. **Capacity:** 16  
**Rental fee:** None  
**Price per person:** Varies. Order draft or bottled beer (\$4.50-\$10), sandwiches and burgers (\$9.95-\$12.95) off the menu a la carte.  
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### CASUAL PUB PARTY

If your colleagues prefer to play it low-key, the cozy fireplace-equipped library in the back of **Beckett's Public House** (3210 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-880-9620) in Lakeview promises a cozy setting for semi-private pint sipping. **Capacity:** 45 seated; 100 standing  
**Rental fee:** None  
**Price per person:** \$5.95-\$14.95 for appetizer packages (bites range from whiskey wings and curried chips to mini-reubens and oysters on the half shell) for 25-50 guests; \$25-\$35 for two to three hours of wine, beer and well drinks. Pay-as-you-go parties also are an option.  
**Minimums:** Two-drink minimum per guest for pay-as-you-go parties  
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[ron@wildechicago.com](mailto:ron@wildechicago.com)

### GIRLFRIEND GATHERING

The intimate and artsy **Three Peas Art Lounge** (75 E. 16th St. 312-624-9414) is an ideal setting in the South Loop for a casual cocktail party. **Capacity:** 50  
**Rental fee:** \$75 an hour, with half due as a deposit at time of booking  
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### SOPHISTICATED SHINDIG

If your company is looking to impress clients or you just want to send off '09 in style, **Old Town Social** (455 W. North Ave. 312-266-2277) boasts a charming front parlor decked out with antique armchairs, plus a semi-private section in the back of the bar. The bar will even design a custom takeaway of house-made charcuterie wrapped in butcher paper and twine. **Capacity:** 100 for the parlor; 50 for the bar  
**Rental fee:** Varies, from zero to \$100 an hour depending on the day, time and size of party  
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**Reserve:** 312-266-2277

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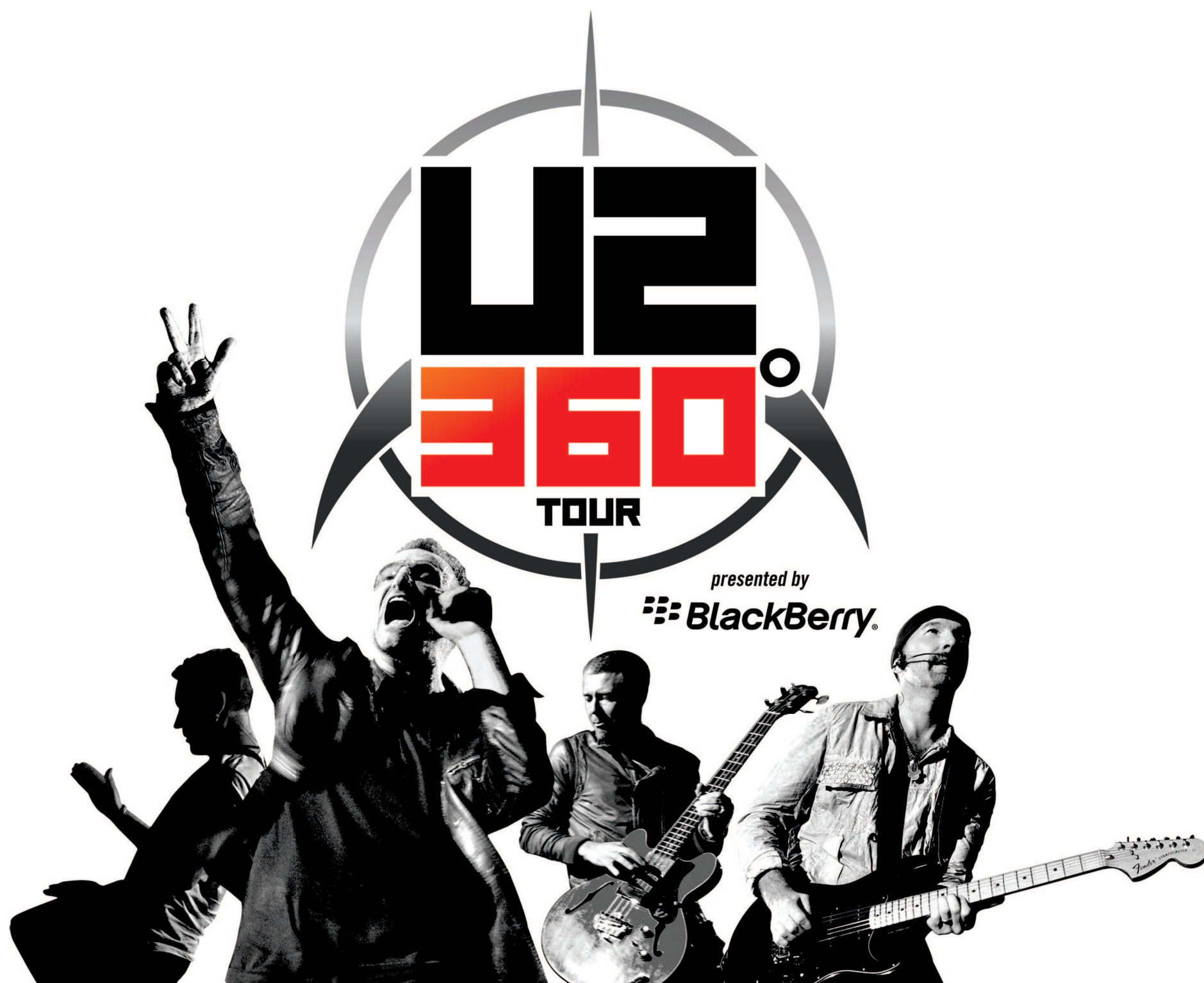
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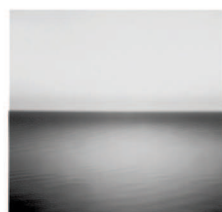
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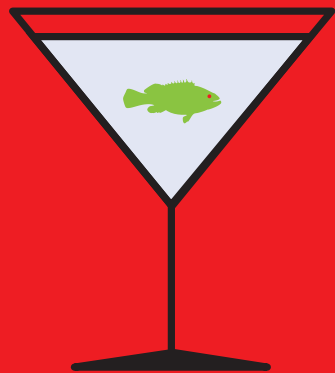
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**2** The hearty, creamy **pumpkin and roasted duck risotto** (\$12) at Fox and Obel's new **Atrium Wine Bar**, 401 E. Randolph St.

**3** The **Applejack Rabbit cocktail** (\$8) at the **Whistler** (2421 N. Milwaukee Ave.). Made with Laird's apple brandy, Amaro Nonino (an herbal liqueur), egg white, cinnamon and maple syrup, the potent blend is our favorite new fall accessory. And it's topped with an apple drawn in syrup. So there!

**4** The hot, greasy, delicious **cheese bread** (\$4.50) sold during Bears games at **Soldier Field** (1410 S. Museum Campus Drive). It hits the spot like Matt Forte and, unfortunately, goes down as easy as the Bears offensive line.

**5** The **fries** (\$1.79) at new Loop lunch spot **Benjehuda** (212 W. Van Buren St.). Easily the best we've had all year.

**Join the randomness!**

What are you loving this week? Log onto **metromix.com** to send us your Random Acts of Greatness.

**WEDNESDAY DEALS****404 WINE BAR**

\$15 build-your-own wine flights; 2852 N. Southport Ave. 773-404-8400.

**ATMOSPHERE**

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**BLUE LINE**

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**BOWMAN'S**

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**BULL & BEAR**

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**CAGNEY'S**

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\$4 Sauza cocktails, Brooklyn Brown drafts and Washington apple shots; 1540 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-252-0880.

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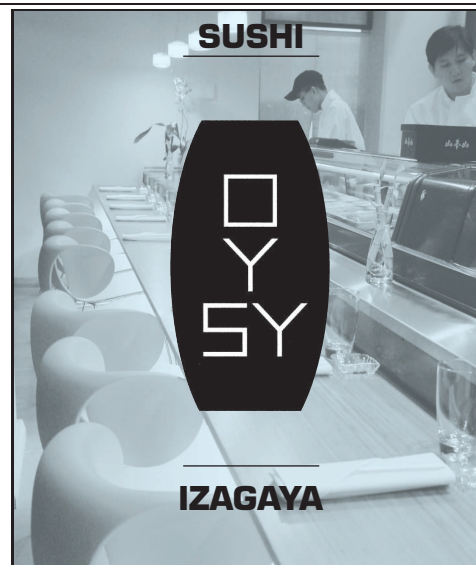
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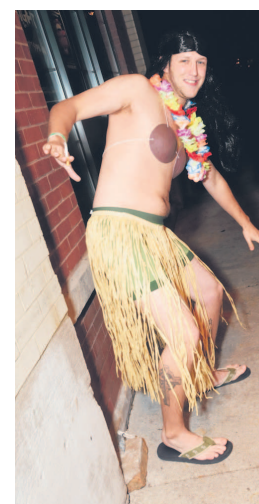
## NIGHTCRAWLERS *Photos of who we've seen on the scene*



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### Bloody good time

Scores of scary souls took over **Harry Caray's** (3551 N. Sheffield Ave.) in Wrigleyville for Metromix's Halloween Sucks! vampire-themed bash. But thanks to partiers dressed as a hula man and "Top Gun" characters, it wasn't all doom and gloom. See more pics from the party at [metromix.com](http://metromix.com).



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#### JAKE MELNICK'S

\$4 Blue Moon, Hoegaarden and 312 drafts, \$5 select appetizers (3:30-6 p.m.); 41 E. Superior St. 312-266-0400.

#### JOE'S

\$5 Coors Light pitchers, \$1 16-ounce vodka lemonades; 940 W. Weed St. 312-337-3486.

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#### MORSELAND

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#### NORTHSIDE BAR AND GRILL

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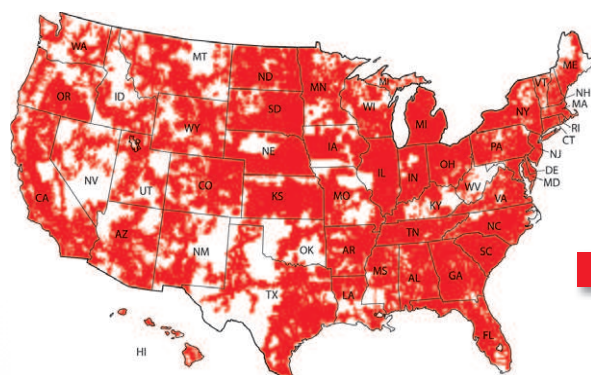
\$2 PBR cans, \$4 Two Brothers bottles and drafts, 50 cent large wings; 649 S. Clark St. 312-356-9992.

#### WISE FOOLS PUB

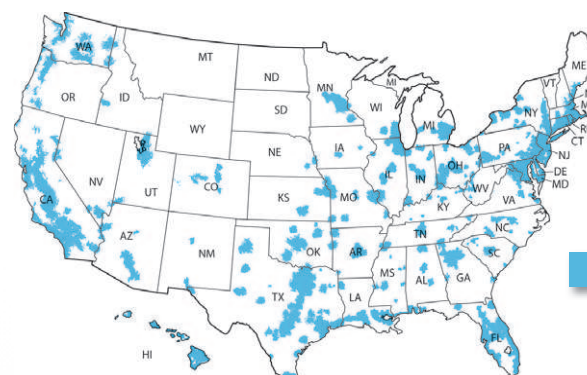
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# music

## NOVEMBER noise

The month's Top 25 concerts

By Matt Pais

With Halloween behind you, now's the time of year you start wondering why anyone would ever go outside in cold weather. Then again, this also is a fine time of year to discover new music and drag yourself out the door to hear it in person. What to see? We've got some ideas. Twenty-five, in fact. (Full event details at [metromix.com](http://metromix.com).)



Kid Sister

### NOV. 4 A FINE FRENZY ▲

*Park West*

We really didn't expect the singer-songwriter's new "Bomb in a Birdcage" to be as delicately catchy as it is.



### NOV. 4 SNOOP DOGG ▲

*Congress Theater*

The man's middle name isn't "Party," but it should be. He's nothing if not an entertainer.



### NOV. 5 FUTURE OF THE LEFT ▲

*Bottom Lounge*

Their latest, "Travels with Myself and Another," is a fireball of anger and energy. You'll enjoy getting burned.



### NOV. 6 WHITE DENIM ▲

*Lincoln Hall*

Genre-hopping Texas band's new "Fits" ties our mind in knots.

### NOV. 7 THE SOUNDS, FOXY SHAZAM, SEMI PRECIOUS WEAPONS

*Vic*

Not the most brilliant music, but this show is too sexy to pass up.



### NOV. 7 THE GRATES ▲

*Schubas*

Australian indie rockers are a guaranteed good time. That's all you need to know.

### NOV. 9 FANFARLO

*Schubas*

British band's new "Reservoir" is just gorgeous. If you like chamber pop, this is all you.

### NOV. 9 HOLLOWS

*Empty Bottle*

A free release party for the local indie rockers' impressive self-titled debut.

**NOV. 12-13 GIRLS ▼***Empty Bottle*

Two dudes from San Francisco who call their band Girls and their debut album "Album"? Luckily they saved the smarts for the fuzzy pop tunes.

**NOV. 13 DIRTY PROJECTORS***Bottom Lounge*

New York collective's "Bitte Orca" is one of the year's densest, most rewarding listens.

**NOV. 15 DENGUE FEVER ▲***Old Town School of Folk Music*

Because right now you're ready to imagine yourself off on an island somewhere.

**NOV. 17 MARISSA NADLER***Schubas*

Her voice is so eerie it almost makes you want to have nightmares just so she can provide the moody soundtrack.

**NOV. 18 BROTHER ALI***Metro*

On "Us," the Minneapolis rapper again comes off as the industry's nicest badass. And one of the smartest.

**NOV. 19-21 PIXIES***Aragon*

Veteran rockers play classic "Doolittle" front to back.

**NOV. 20 BRENDAN BENSON***Lincoln Hall*

Who needs Jack White? "My Old, Familiar Friend" is a pretty great pop record.

**NOV. 23 VANDAVEER***Schubas*

In winter, sometimes standing around listening to evocative folk music sounds just right.

**NOV. 25 BLIND PILOT***Lincoln Hall*

Steadily rising folk-pop that soothes as it gets your feet tapping.

**NOV. 25 KID SISTER***House of Blues*

Yes, the Chicago rapper's long-awaited debut "Ultraviolet" finally comes out Nov. 17 after more than a year of delays. Really!

**NOV. 27 SAM ROBERTS BAND***Subterranean*

Canadian pop-rock that really should have a bigger following in the states. Their Lolla set was a blast.

**NOV. 27 THE BIG PINK***Empty Bottle*

British electronic music that's captivating and a little disturbing.

**NOV. 27 EZRA FURMAN AND THE HARPOONS***Double Door*

Another knockout at Lolla this year. The local pop rockers are as smart as they are likely to stick in your head.

**NOV. 27-28 JESUS LIZARD***Metro*

In case you missed the wild Chicago vets at Pitchfork. Well, even if you didn't.

**NOV. 28 THE BLAKES***Schubas*

Seattle rockers' new "Souvenir" could take off: It's raw but not simple, honest but not cheesy.

**NOV. 28 STATE AND MADISON***Beat Kitchen*

Local rockers play the fourth annual Fall Formal. Nothing mixes like pop-rock and, uh, tuxedos.

**NOV. 30 HELEN MONEY***Empty Bottle*

You didn't know the cello could sound this intense. Free show!

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9 p.m. \$12. Pops for Champagne, 601 N. State St. 312-266-7677.

### CHARLIE LOVE AND THE SILKY SMOOTH BAND

9:30 p.m. \$10. Buddy Guy's Legends, 754 S. Wabash Ave. 312-427-0333.

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5 p.m. \$5. Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St. 312-642-6805.

### CLAIRE STAHLER

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9:30 p.m. \$12. Kingston Mines, 2548 N. Halsted St. 773-477-4646.

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8:30 p.m. Cover varies. The Underground Wonder Bar, 10 E. Walton St. 312-266-7761.

### MIKE SMITH QUARTET

9 p.m. \$10. Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St. 312-642-6805.

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9 p.m. \$5. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

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9 p.m. \$18-\$20. Metro, 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203.

### SNOOP DOGG

8 p.m. \$36. Congress Theatre, 2135 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-276-1235.

### THE SPINTO BAND, GENERATIONALS, PEPI GINSBERG

9 p.m. \$12. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

### SWEETWATER MELTDOWN

9 p.m. Free. Abbey Pub (in the pub), 3420 W. Grace St. 773-478-4408.

### TRIBUTOSAURUS

7 and 10 p.m. \$15. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

### YASMIN LEVY

8:30 p.m. \$5 suggested donation. Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-728-6000.

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### ON SALE 10 A.M. WEDNESDAY

**Nathan Angelo, Micah Dalton, Claire Stahlecker,**  
Monday, Dec. 14 (\$7, 21+) at Martyrs'.

**Black Umbrella Brigade, Nate and His Kite, A Sample Life,**  
Thursday, Dec. 17 (\$7, 21+) at Martyrs'.

**The Good,** Saturday, Jan. 23 (\$12, 21+) at Martyrs'.

**Grody Hunt, Loaded, Brad Cole,** Wednesday, Dec. 16 (\$7, 21+) at Martyrs'.

**Lamajamal, Balkano!,** Saturday, Jan. 9 (\$10, 21+) at Martyrs'.

**Tin Lynott,** Monday, Dec. 21 (\$5, 21+) at Martyrs'.

**Seafarer, Brice Woodall, Mike Nicolai,** Tuesday, Dec. 15 (\$7, 21+) at Martyrs'.

**Tributosaurus,** Wednesday, Dec. 2 (\$15, 21+) at Martyrs'.

### ON SALE 9 A.M. FRIDAY

**Leo Kottke, Leon**

**Redbone,** Friday, Jan. 29 (\$27.50-\$65, all ages) at Rialto Square Theatre, Joliet.

### ON SALE 10 A.M. FRIDAY

**Gaelic Storm,** Friday, March 12 (\$32.50-\$35, 17+) at House of Blues.

**Jim Gaffigan, Jim Brooks,** Sunday, Jan. 31 (\$39.75-\$49.75, all ages) at Chicago Theatre.

### ON SALE NOON FRIDAY

**Marie Digby, Alpha Rev,** Thursday, Dec. 3 (\$12, all ages) at Lincoln Hall.

**Fink,** Tuesday, Nov. 6 (\$10, 21+) at Schubas.

**Molina and Johnson, Chris Brokaw,** Saturday, Feb. 6 (\$12-\$14, 21+) at Lincoln Hall.

**Sloan,** Monday, Dec. 7 (\$20, all ages) at Lincoln Hall.

### ON SALE 10 A.M. SATURDAY

**Andrew Bird,** Tuesday, Dec. 15,

Wednesday, Dec. 16, Thursday, Dec. 17 (\$35-\$40, all ages) at 4th Presbyterian Church.

**Gabriel Iglesias,** Saturday, April 10 (\$36.50-\$45, all ages) at Chicago Theatre.

### ON SALE NOON SATURDAY

**John Acquaviva, Nate Manic,** Friday, Dec. 11 (\$10-\$12, 21+) at Smart Bar.

**The Detroit Cobras, The Dexter Romweber Duo, The Blacks, Lawrence Peters Outfit,** Saturday, Dec. 19 (\$10, 21+) at Double Door.

**I Fight Dragons, Cobalt and the Hired Guns,** Saturday, Dec. 12 (\$11, 18+) at Metro.

**The Jesus Lizard, Disappears,** Thursday, Dec. 31 (\$51-\$61, 18+) at Metro.

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By Rebecca Palmore

Thanks to prime-time competitive reality shows such as ABC's "Dancing with the Stars" and FOX's "So You Think You Can Dance," there's a nationwide surge of armchair critics sounding off on made-for-TV dance moves. Locally, hoofers are loosening up for the 15th annual Dance Chicago, a massive program featuring 130 local companies and more than 300 performances. The best part? The action this week is set in an intimate, 148-seat space at the **Theatre Building Chicago** (1225 W. Belmont Ave.), a significant departure from the 985-seat Athenaeum Theatre where Dance Chicago was born and bred. The new digs mean you'll get an up-close-and-personal experience, no remote required.

How best to navigate the massive tangle of shows? Jump in. Dance Chicago offers an intentionally mixed bag of styles, personalities and experiences—a dance-minded Taste of Chicago, to borrow a description from the late Fred Solari, co-founder of Dance Chicago and director of the Athenaeum Theatre. Styles range from ballet and street dance to contemporary, jazz and hip-hop, sometimes within one program. "We try to make dance warm and friendly for you," says artistic director John Schmitz. "Dance can be really entertaining; it can be fun; it can be inspiring."

Here's a quick rundown of the upcoming shows at Theatre Building Chicago. Several more programs take place in three suburban locations through Dec. 12. For complete details, go to [metromix.com](http://metromix.com).

## New Moves

Airing never-before-seen work by emerging choreographers, this four-part series launches Wednesday with 10-plus pieces ranging from fusion (RASA Dance Chicago) to modern (DanszLoop Chicago) to street (RawFunkyStreetFlav) and more. All of the programs are different but retain the focus on variety. **When:** 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays through Nov. 12

## Extended View

Take a closer look at two styles, urban and contemporary, in this showcase billed as "streets meets sweets." Highlights include a trio of numbers from choreographer Dori Santarsiere, a world premiere from NoMi LaMad Dance, Inc., and a hip-hop piece from Culture Shock Chicago. **When:** 8:15 p.m. Friday

## Jazz Cabaret

New in '09, this program highlights crowd-pleasing styles such as ballroom, hip-hop, burlesque, contemporary and more from NoMi LaMad Dance, Inc., Giordano 3, Inside Chicago Dance and a handful of others. **When:** 8:15 p.m. Saturday

## Dance Romance

Another new addition to the lineup features sensual, intimate works in ballroom, salsa, modern and more. See Michelle Nascimento, Brandon and Serena (pictured), Omaha Theater Ballet and others. **When:** 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday

DANCE CHICAGO 2009  
Theatre Building Chicago

1225 W. Belmont Ave.

**When:** Wednesday-Nov. 15Go to [metromix.com](http://metromix.com) for suburban locations & schedule**Tickets:** \$25 for TBC shows.**Purchase:** [dancechicago.com](http://dancechicago.com)

## 1 1985

Inspired by George Orwell's "1984," Factory Theater's comedy explores the history of Chicago sports and the notion of victory. Previews start Friday; opens Nov. 13. Through Dec. 19. \$10-\$25. Prop Thtr, 3504 N. Elston Ave. 866-811-4111.

Cuba and His  
Teddy Bear

2 A drama tackling the struggles of a "small time" drug dealer and his teenage son. Previews start Wednesday; opens Friday. Through Dec. 13. \$10-\$20. UrbanTheater Company and People's Theater of Chicago at Batey Urbano, 2620 W. Division St. 773-371-1868.

When She  
Danced

3 A funny portrait of modern dance pioneer Isadora Duncan is set in 1920s Paris. Previews start Wednesday; opens Saturday. Through Dec. 20. \$15-\$35. TimeLine Theatre, 615 W. Wellington Ave. 773-281-8463.

## Erendira

4 The surrealist drama portrays a woman who forces her granddaughter into prostitution. Performed in Spanish. Final performances Friday-Sunday. \$15-\$20. Aguijon Theater, 2707 N. Laramie Ave. 773-637-5899.

River North  
Chicago Dance

5 The modern dance ensemble celebrates its 20th anniversary with two world premieres and repertory works. Saturday. \$30-\$65. Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph Drive. 312-334-7777.



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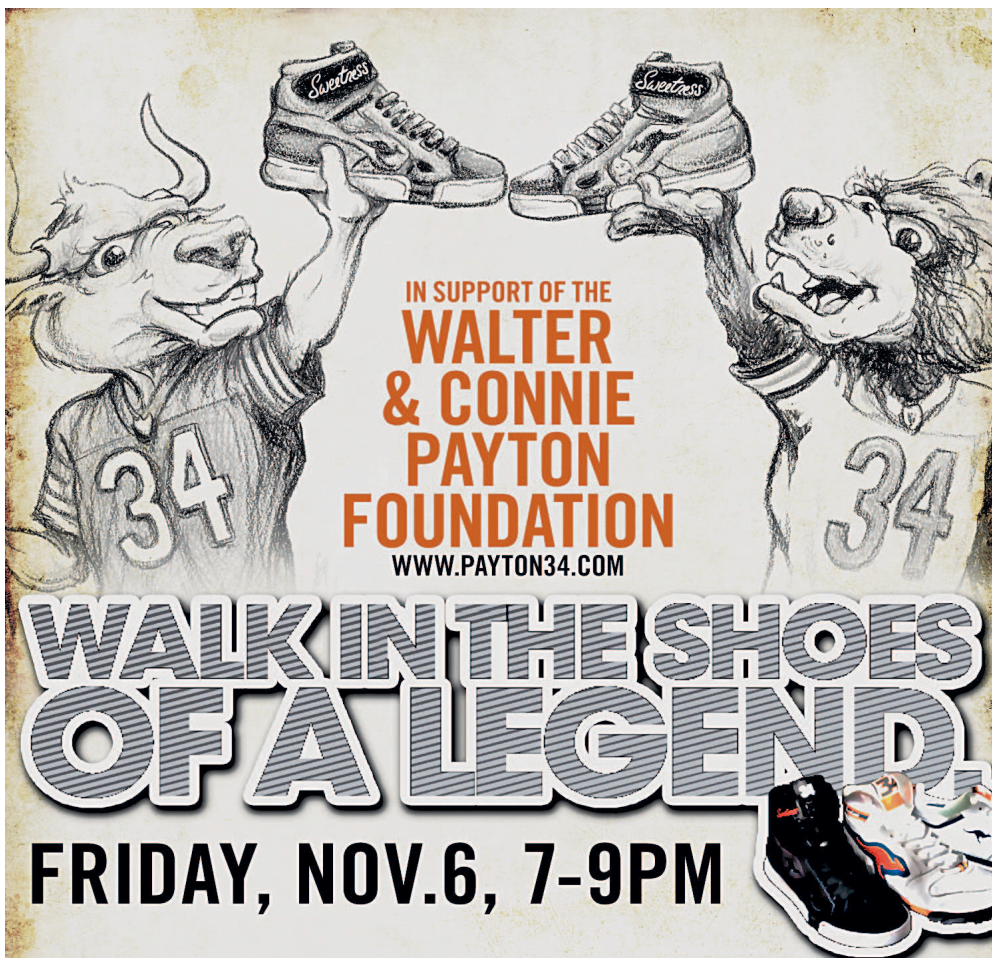
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## TV 'Mercy'

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Peggy Olson alert! "Mad Men" star Elisabeth Moss turns

**Moss**

up as a cancer patient who inspires Veronica (Taylor Schilling) to tell her husband, Mike (Diego Klattenhoff), she's having a secret affair with Dr. Sands (James Tupper). Oh, and that affair might not remain a secret for long. I'm still on the fence about "Mercy," but it is growing on me. **CURT**

WAGNER, REDEYE

## ALBUM

### 'Phrazes for the Young'

Julian Casablancas

It would be easy to dismiss the Strokes frontman's solo debut as too hip and quirky to either engage or relate to. After all, Casablancas' band got famous on punchy-yet-detached retro rock fireballs, pushing indie cool into tight pants before it was the thing to do. And on "Phrazes," Casablancas embraces the trendy synth sound while writing and orchestrating every moment on the record, from guitar solos to unusual drum beats. Surprising verdict: Potentially Casablancas' most interesting music yet, with danceable melodies (like "11th Hour") that are sweeter and stranger than what we're used to hearing from this guy.

MATT PAIS, METROMIX

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## SONG

### 'The Lyricist ThreeMix'

Savant of RAREBREED featuring SimONE

Hip-hop heads love the hard-hitting beat, silky smooth instrumental and poetic prowess of "The Lyricist ThreeMix," the winner of this week's Kyles Files track-off. Savant of RAREBREED, with an assist from SimONE, clobbered some tough competition, netting enthusiastic support including that of reader "Jay Moses," who opined that Savant "represented what an MC is to the fullest." Check Savant's skills and then support local artists on the grind by voting in next Monday's bout. **KYRA KYLES, REDEYE**

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## JEWELRY

### Veronica Riley Martens Single Tagua Nut Necklace \$30 at [etsy.com](http://etsy.com)

Fans of the green movement will appreciate this multi-tasking necklace from local Chicago jewelry designer Veronica Riley Martens. The tagua nut charm is from an eco-friendly and sustainable palm tree in the South American rain forest. The handmade necklace comes on a long chain, so it can be worn dozens of ways. **JOANNA GUSTAFSON FOR REDEYE**

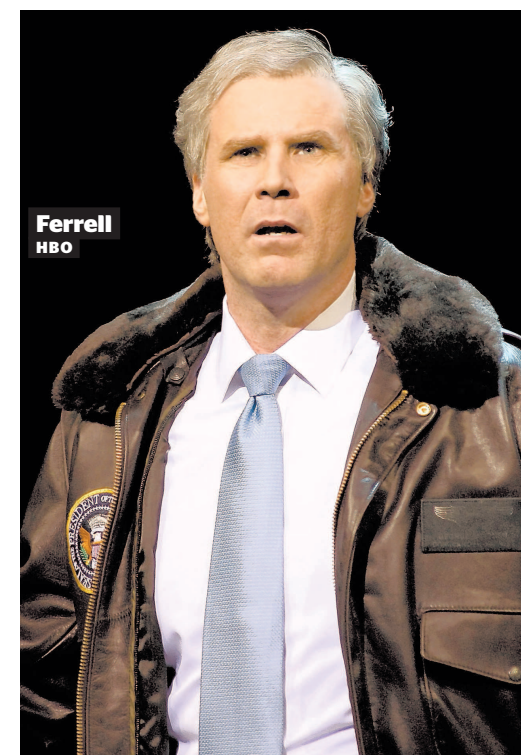
## TV ON DVD

### 'Will Ferrell: You're Welcome, America. A Final Night with George W. Bush'

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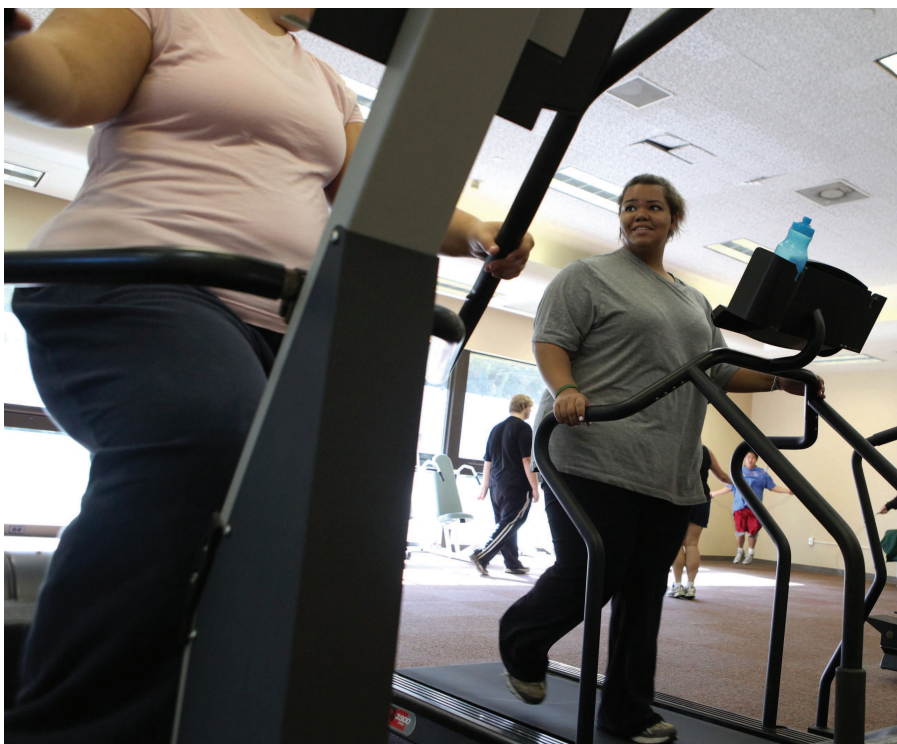
Will Ferrell opened his one-man show lampooning the former president on Broadway before doing this live HBO telecast. The special was uneven, but when he strikes at Bush, he stings: Says his "Bush" about the Hurricane Katrina crisis, "I don't hate black people. I never even think about them." Ouch! His banter with the audience also is priceless. Special features include a "Bush on Bush" interview and "It's Time Has Come of Being a Decider, America: True or False Game."

CURT WAGNER, REDEYE



**Ferrell**  
HBO

# Getting to the bottom of 'the fat gap'



Two teens walk on a treadmill last month during fitness training at Wellspring Academy, a special school in Reedley, Calif., that helps students lose weight. GETTY IMAGES

## The Miami Herald

Have you heard of “the fat gap?” It’s a term that sprang up last month, when a survey in Great Britain found the majority of overweight people there are oblivious to the fact that they’re heavy.

The findings pin down a phenomenon that health professionals have been talking about for years: As those around us get fatter, our perception of our own size changes accordingly.

Are you, too, caught in the fat gap?

## Fooling ourselves

The survey found that public perception of healthy weight has blurred so much that fat is now seen as the “norm.” Less than one in 10 people believe the excess pounds they are carrying are significant enough for them to be classified as obese, according to the 2,100 adults in the poll by YouGov, an international market research firm. Yet measurements found that one in four of those questioned were clinically obese.

## Am I fat?

Don’t bother with a scale; the best way to tell is by calculating your BMI, or Body Mass Index. The measure of body fat is a bit complicated, but you can skip the math by going to a Harvard Health Web

site, among others, and punching in your height and weight: [tinyurl.com/yzz5wdy](http://tinyurl.com/yzz5wdy). You’re overweight if your BMI is 25 or higher and obese if your BMI is 30 or higher, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

## Weight of the nation

A CDC report this past summer showed waistlines in the U.S. are still growing. Overall, 26.1 percent of Americans were obese in 2008, compared to 25.6 percent in 2007.

## Why it matters

You’ve heard it before, but it bears repeating. Research has shown that as weight increases, so do the risks of having heart disease, Type 2 diabetes, certain cancers, stroke and sleep apnea, among other health problems, according to the CDC.

## ‘Obesogenic’

Concerned about an environment that promotes over-eating, unhealthy foods and physical inactivity—what it calls America’s “obesogenic” society—the CDC has a Web site with information on science-based interventions, weight management research and other info for people who need to lose weight: [cdc.gov/obesity/index.html](http://cdc.gov/obesity/index.html).

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# Is this wine good enough to gift?

It's hard to believe, but the holiday season is fast approaching. Soon we will be inundated with invitations to cocktail parties and social gatherings to celebrate the spirit of the season. Many of us will show up to these soirees with a bottle of wine in hand to give to the hosts as a token of our appreciation.

Rather than waiting until the last minute and throwing yourself at the mercy of the dusty selections at the corner liquor store, it's a good idea to plan ahead and stock up on wines that will make the perfect gift for any occasion. Just as you're headed out to a party, simply place a bottle into a decorative wine bag or slap a bow on it and—voilà— instant present!

Which types of wines make the best gift, especially if you don't know the tastes of your hosts or how much should you spend? I find sparkling wines and your personal favorites are the best types of wines to give away as gifts. Bubbly wines are celebratory and can be very useful during the holiday months.

Wines you have discovered can be a great way to share a personal experience with your hosts, and they will certainly appreciate the gesture. An added touch would be to attach a short note to the bottle describing why you love it.

When it comes to a price point, stay within a range you are comfortable with. You can find great selections for less than \$20, so don't feel you have to spend more than that unless you want to. **REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR ALPANA SINGH IS DIRECTOR OF WINE AND SPIRITS FOR LETTUCE ENTERTAIN YOU ENTERPRISES AND THE HOST OF "CHECK, PLEASE!" ON WTTW.**

## Four sure

Here are my go-to wines that I like to give away as gifts:

### 1 Plus 1 Equals 3 Cava \$14

I just love the fun yet puzzling name of this wine. Cava also is a great way to introduce someone to new types of sparkling wines besides Champagne.

### Kuentz Bas riesling \$16

Alsace is one of my favorite wine regions, and I just adore their bone-dry rieslings. This versatile food wine also is a nice way to show that not all rieslings are sweet.

### Juan Benegas malbec \$12

Malbec from Argentina is probably the wine that I give away the most. It's affordable, tasty and almost always a hit!

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- Hillsong (NR) ★ 6:30 P.M.
- Michael Jackson (PG) ★ 1:00,2:00,2:45,3:45,4:45,5:30,6:30,7:30,8:15,9:15,10:15
- Michael Jackson (PG) ★ ♦ 1:30,4:20,7:00,9:45
- Astro Boy (PG) ★ 1:20,4:10,6:45,9:30
- Paranormal Act (R) ★ 12:30,1:50,3:00,4:00,5:20,6:20,7:40,8:45,10:00
- Saw VI (R) ★ 1:40,2:30,4:30,7:10,9:40,10:30
- Law Abiding (R) 2:20,5:00,7:50,10:40
- Where the Wild (PG) (Closed caption) 12:50,3:30,6:10,9:00
- Couples Retreat (PG-13) 1:45,4:40,7:20,10:20
- Zombieland (R) 1:10,3:50,6:05,8:30,10:50
- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D (PG) 12:40,3:10,5:15,7:45,9:50

### DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago  
(773) 784-0893

- Michael Jackson (PG) ★ 5:00,7:30,10:00
- Amelia (PG) ★ 5:00,7:20,9:40
- Saw VI (R) ★ 5:45,7:45,9:45
- Couples Retreat (PG-13) 5:20,7:30,9:50

### FORD CITY 14 (AMC)

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Show times change daily

#### AMC Select - The best specialty films

- Halloween II (R) 7:30,10:00
- Michael Jackson (PG) 1:30,2:45,4:15,5:20,7:00,8:15,9:45
- Cirque Du Freak (PG-13) 2:00,4:30,7:10,9:40
- Astro Boy (PG) 1:40,4:10,6:30,8:50
- Saw VI (R) 1:00,1:45,2:30,3:15,4:00,4:45,5:30,6:15,7:00,7:45,8:30,9:15,10:00
- Where the Wild (PG) 1:10,3:30,5:50,8:20
- Paranormal Act (R) 1:00,3:10,5:20,7:30,9:40
- The Stepfather (PG-13) 2:20,5:00,7:20,9:45
- AMC Select Good Hair (PG-13) 1:05,3:20,5:35
- Law Abiding (R) 1:15,2:15,3:45,4:45,6:15,7:15,8:45,9:50
- Zombieland (R) 7:45,9:55
- Cloudy-Mtballs (PG) 1:05,3:10,5:20

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- Surrogates (PG-13) 2:15,4:20,6:25,8:30
- 500 Days-Sum (PG-13) 2:10,4:20,6:30,8:40
- 9 (PG-13) 2:10,4:10,6:15,8:10
- Inglourious (R) 2:05,5:30,8:20

### MUSIC BOX

3733 N. Southport, Chicago  
(773) 871-6604

- Antichrist (NR) 5:00,7:20,9:40
- Yes Men Fix (NR) 5:10,7:10,9:20

### PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)

1608 N. Wells, Chicago  
888-AMC-4FUN  
Show times change daily

- Inglourious (R) 3:15,6:40
- London Dreams (NR) 3:00,6:15
- The Stepfather (PG-13) 1:45,4:20,7:00
- AMC Select Good Hair (PG-13) 1:15,7:50
- Black Dynamite (R) 3:25 P.M.
- AMC Select Damned United (R) 5:30 P.M.

### RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

322 E. Illinois Street  
888-AMC-4FUN  
Show times change daily

#### AMC Select - The best specialty films

- Hillsong United (NR) 7:30 P.M.
- Michael Jackson (PG) 10:30,11:30,12:30,1:30,2:30,3:30,4:30,5:30,6:30,7:30,8:30,9:30,10:30
- Cirque Du Freak (PG-13) 11:05,2:00,5:00,8:00,10:35
- Amelia (PG) 11:10,2:10,5:10,8:05,10:40
- Astro Boy (PG) 11:15,1:55,4:40,7:25,10:05
- Saw VI (R) 11:40,12:40,3:25,5:00,6:05,7:45,8:50,10:25
- AMC Select More Game (PG) 12:50,6:05,8:40
- Where the Wild (PG) 10:45,11:45,1:40,2:40,4:25,5:25,7:20,8:20,10:15
- Paranormal Act (R) 11:15,12:50,1:50,3:20,4:25,6:00,7:10,8:40,9:50
- The Stepfather (PG-13) 1:35,4:10,6:55,9:40
- Law Abiding (R) 11:25,1:20,2:20,4:20,5:20,7:10,8:10,10:10
- Couples Retreat (PG-13) 10:35,1:10,10:10
- AMC Select A Serious Man (R) 10:40,1:15
- AMC Select Capitalism-Lv (R) 3:15 P.M.
- Zombieland (R) 11:50,2:15,4:50,7:25,10:00
- Toy Story/Toy Story 2 3D (G) ★ 1:50,5:45,9:35
- Surrogates (PG-13) 2:25 P.M.
- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D (PG) ★ 11:55,7:15,9:50

### CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Skokie  
(800) 326-3264 #2309

- 21 and a Wakeup (R) ★ 12:40,3:40,6:40,9:30
- Michael Jackson (PG) ★ 1:00,2:00,3:45,4:45,6:30,7:30,9:10,10:15
- Michael Jackson (PG) ★ ♦ 1:30,4:15,7:00,9:45
- A Serious Man (R) ★ 2:10,4:40,7:10,9:40
- Amelia (PG) ★ 12:50,4:10,6:45,9:20
- Astro Boy (PG) ★ 12:20,3:15,6:10,8:40

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**G** - General audience **PG** - Parental guidance suggested  
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**R** - Restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian  
**NC-17** - No one 17 and under admitted

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES) (continued)

- Cirque Du Freak (PG-13) ★ 2:30,5:10,7:50,10:20
- Paranormal Act (R) ★ 12:30,1:20,3:10,4:00,5:30,6:15,7:45,8:30,10:05,10:45
- Saw VI (R) ★ 12:15,2:15,3:20,4:50,5:40,7:20,8:10,9:50,10:30
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- Zombieland (R) 1:15,3:30,6:05,8:20,10:35
- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D (PG) 12:45,3:00,5:20,7:40,9:55

### WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago  
(800) 326-3264 #1641

- Hillsong (NR) ★ 6:30 P.M.
- 21 and a Wakeup (R) ★ 1:10,4:10,7:20,10:10
- Michael Jackson (PG) ★ 1:00,1:30,3:40,4:15,6:30,7:00,9:15,9:45
- Michael Jackson (PG) ★ ♦ 2:30,5:15,8:00,10:40
- Amelia (PG) ★ 1:15,4:00,6:50,10:00
- Cirque Du Freak (PG-13) ★ 1:40,10:15
- Paranormal Act (R) ★ 12:50,3:30,6:15,8:30,10:45
- Law Abiding (R) 2:00,4:50,7:45,10:20
- Where the Wild (PG) 1:50,4:40,7:10,9:50
- Couples Retreat (PG-13) 12:40,3:50,6:40,9:30
- Zombieland (R) 6:05,8:20,10:30
- Cloudy-Mtballs (PG) 1:20,3:45

### SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave.  
(800) 326-3264 #1646

- Michael Jackson (PG) ★ 1:00,1:30,2:00,3:45,4:15,4:45,6:30,7:00,7:30,9:15,9:45,10:10
- Astro Boy (PG) ★ 1:10,3:50,6:20,8:50
- Cirque Du Freak (PG-13) ★ 2:15,4:50,7:40,10:15
- Paranormal Act (R) ★ 1:15,3:40,6:05,8:20,10:40
- Saw VI (R) ★ 1:20,2:20,4:20,5:00,6:45,7:20,9:10,9:40
- Law Abiding (R) 1:40,4:00,6:50,9:30
- The Stepfather (PG-13) 2:30,5:10,7:50,10:20
- Where the Wild (PG) 2:10,4:40,7:10,9:50
- Couples Retreat (PG-13) 1:50,4:40,7:15,9:55
- Zombieland (R) 2:50,5:15,7:45,10:00
- Cloudy-Mtballs (PG) 1:45,4:10,6:40
- Halloween II (R) 9:20 P.M.

### CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

4779 W. Cermak  
(800) 326-3264 #1644

- Michael Jackson (PG) ★ 1:30,2:00,4:15,4:45,7:00,7:30,9:45,10:15
- Michael Jackson (PG) ★ ♦ 1:00,3:45,6:30,9:15
- Astro Boy (PG) ★ 12:50,3:50,6:20,9:00
- Cirque Du Freak (PG-13) ★ 1:50,4:50,7:45,10:30
- Paranormal Act (R) ★ 1:20,2:30,3:30,4:40,6:05,7:15,8:20,9:40,10:40
- Saw VI (R) ★ 12:30,1:40,2:50,4:20,5:10,6:45,7:40,9:20,10:00
- Law Abiding (R) 1:15,4:10,7:20,9:55
- The Stepfather (PG-13) 2:20,5:00,7:50,10:20
- Where the Wild (PG) 12:40,3:40,6:40,9:30
- Couples Retreat (PG-13) 1:10,4:00,7:10,9:50
- Cloudy-Mtballs (PG) 2:10,4:30,6:50,9:10

### OAK PARK LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)

1022 Lake Street  
630-444-FILM #560

- Michael Jackson (PG) ★ 12:00,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:00
- Paranormal Act (R) 12:10,2:10,4:10,6:10,8:10,10:10
- Amelia (PG) ★ 12:45,4:00,7:05,9:50
- A Serious Man (R) ★ 12:20,2:40,5:00,7:20,9:45
- Where the Wild (PG) 12:00,2:15,4:30,6:45,9:00
- Law Abiding (R) 12:20,2:45,5:10,7:35,10:00
- Couples Retreat (PG-13) 7:00,9:30
- Cloudy-Mtballs (PG) 12:45,2:50,4:55

### EVANSTON CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)

1715 MAPLE AVE.  
(847)492-0123 &

- Hillsong United (NR) ★ 6:30 P.M.
- A Serious Man (R) 11:35,2:35,4:55,7:35,10:10
- Amelia (PG) ★ 12:45,4:00,7:05,9:50
- An Education (PG-13) ★ 11:45,2:05,4:30,6:55,9:40
- Astro Boy (PG) ★ 11:55,2:20,4:45,7:10,9:35
- Cirque Du Freak (PG-13) ★ 11:50,2:30,5:10,7:50,10:35
- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D (PG) ★ 12:20,2:45,5:15,7:30,9:45
- Coco Before (PG-13) 11:30,2:25,5:05,7:45,10:25
- Couples Retreat (PG-13) 11:35,2:05,4:45,7:25,10:05
- Law Abiding (R) 12:15,3:00,5:30,8:00,10:20
- Michael Jackson (PG) ★ 11:30,12:45,2:15,3:25,5:00,6:05,7:45,8:45,10:30
- Paranormal Act (R) 12:25,1:10,2:40,3:35,4:50,5:50,7:15,8:05,9:30,10:20
- Saw VI (R) ★ 12:55,3:20,5:45,8:10,10:25
- The Stepfather (PG-13) 12:00 P.M.
- Where the Wild (PG) 11:40,1:20,1:55,3:55,4:25,7:05,9:40
- Zombieland (R) 3:30 P.M.

Where to go for entertainment? Start here.



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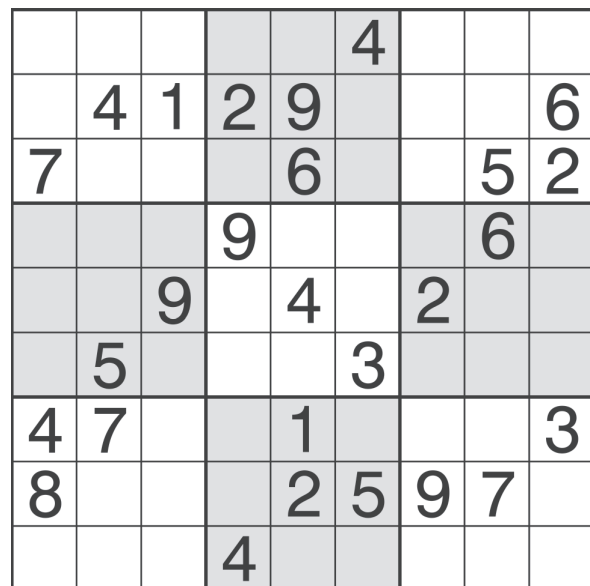


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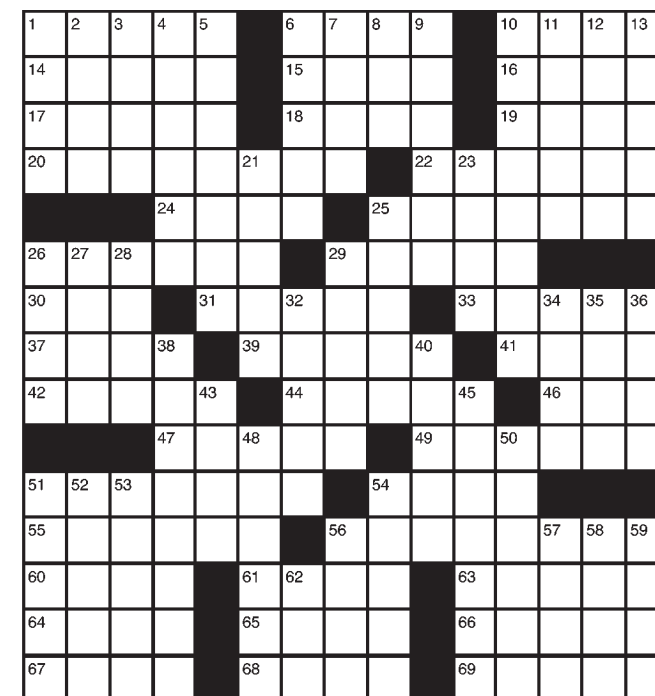
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- 25 Surgeon's instrument
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- 33 Newton or Hayes
- 37 Slip sideways on the road
- 39 Nasty accusation
- 41 Davenport
- 42 Doctrine
- 44 Peru's range
- 46 Siesta
- 47 Banquet
- 49 Infuriates
- 51 Declares
- 54 Opera solo
- 55 Take back, as one's words
- 56 Reveal
- 60 Impudent child
- 61 "Yikes!"
- 63 Eucalyptus-eating marsupial
- 64 Make eyes at
- 65 Withered
- 66 Typo
- 67 Actor Foxx
- 68 Take care of
- 69 Relaxes

## DOWN

- 1 Stood up
- 2 Arm bone
- 3 Wharf
- 4 Goings-on
- 5 Crepiest
- 6 Tunes
- 7 Greek love god
- 8 Traitor
- 9 Covered with wool



- 10 Not affected by time
- 11 Seize power by force
- 12 Come together
- 13 Jury
- 21 Approaches
- 23 African nation
- 25 Place
- 26 Kiln for drying hops
- 27 Levee
- 28 Name for an Irish lass
- 29 Aroma
- 32 Accumulate
- 34 Top-notch
- 35 In the distance
- 36 Tam and beret
- 38 Outscored
- 40 Brings up
- 43 Fork-tailed marine bird
- 45 Laugh to oneself
- 48 Swear
- 50 In abundance
- 51 Vine-covered
- 52 Durable twilled fabric
- 53 Scorch
- 54 Assisted
- 56 Mend by hand
- 57 Boat propellers
- 58 Narrow opening
- 59 "Little pitchers have big..."
- 62 "... whiz!"

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LADY GAGA VS. EMINEM

## American legends

Whether the American Music Awards are a legit contest is debatable. What's not is the event's power to draw top acts to center stage. Case in point? Megastars Eminem and, yep, the ubiquitous Lady Gaga, who have both been added to the lineup, Entertainment Weekly reports. Let's put the two fierce personas head-to-head in a RedEye Faceoff to determine which act will truly be the one to watch. **ARIEL ALEXOVICH, REDEYE**

Derby hats, body stockings, glitter, muppets



STYLE



Athletic apparel, hoodie

**Winner:** Gaga. Her getups are more interesting than her music—and her music's not boring.

"Paparazzi" or "Bad Romance"



LIKELY  
SONG



"Beautiful" or "Forever"

**Winner:** Can't go wrong with Gaga. She just broke a Billboard record for most No. 1s from a debut album.

An elaborate on-stage death scene during the MTV Video Music Awards.



AWARDS  
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Being faux-agitated when faced with Bruno's backside at the MTV Movie Awards.

**Winner:** Tie. Neither created the same buzz as Kanye-gate.

Kermit the Frog, Kid Cudi



POSSE



Drake, Lil Wayne, Kanye West

**Winner:** Close, but Gaga wins for making out with a Muppet.

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"DJ Hero" video game

**Winner:** Eminem. If "DJ Hero" is half as successful as "Guitar Hero," Em's guaranteed some serious ka-ching.

### THE WINNER: LADY GAGA

She's fast becoming overexposed, but for now, it's her moment to shine.  
**Sources:** EW, Billboard, [ladygaga.com](http://ladygaga.com), [eminem.com](http://eminem.com)



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## FAME BITES

You know what sucks more than being a vampire? Being a superstar.

"Nothing about being a celebrity is desirable," "Twilight" star Kristen Stewart told BlackBook magazine. "I'm an actor. It's bizarre to me that everybody's so obsessive."

Stewart compared being famous to the life of co-star Robert Pattinson's "Twilight" character, Edward Cullen.

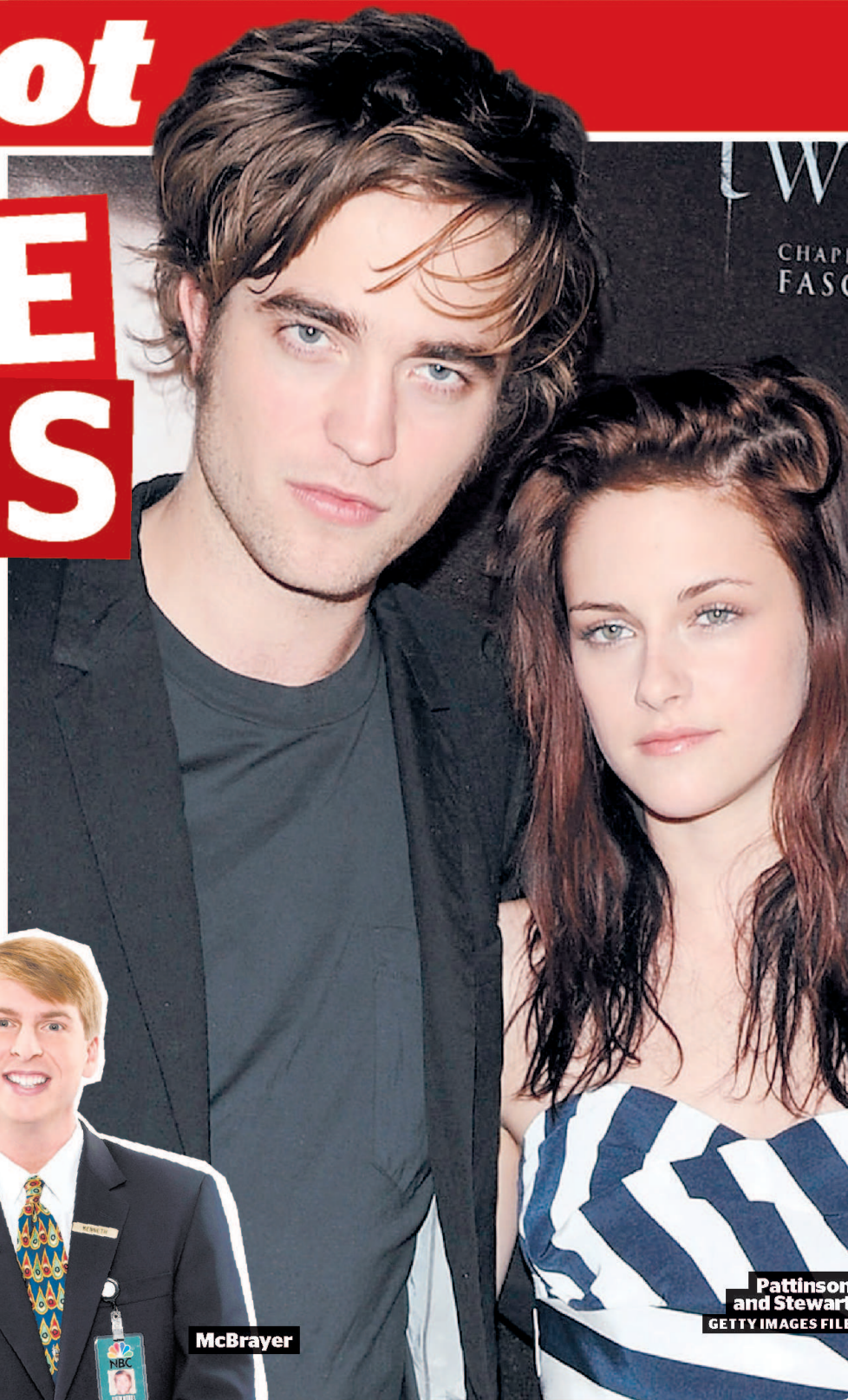
"As a vampire, he has a sad, desolate life—fame is the same," she said.

### Hot night in the 'City'

Second City has released the lineup for its big, 50th-anniversary mainstage show Dec. 12. Titled "The Second City Alumni: One Night Only," the show will be staged in both of Second City's mainstage and e.t.c. theaters. Names include Jim Belushi, Steve Carell, Stephen Colbert and Jack McBrayer—among many others. Tickets for \$125 go on sale at 10 a.m. Thursday at 312-337-3992 and [secondcity.com](http://secondcity.com).



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Pattinson and Stewart  
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### Tattoo fallout

Pete Wentz knows how to lose a bet in style. The Fall Out Boy bassist recently got a tattoo of Cobra Starship frontman Gabe Saporta's face on his right calf after the band's "Good Girls Go Bad" went platinum, [mtv.com](http://mtv.com) reports. "Gabey Baby Made Me Go Bad" is inscribed around the inked mug. Oh, Ashlee's gotta love that.



### Hosts with the most

The hosts of the 82nd Academy Awards are (uncomfortably long pause for dramatic effect) Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin! And the co-hosts, a rarity in Oscars history, already are bringing the funny.

"I am happy to co-host the Oscars with my enemy Alec Baldwin," Martin, who hosted the 73rd and 75th Oscar ceremonies, said in a statement after Tuesday's announcement.

Baldwin will be making his debut appearance as host, but if his memorable appearances on "Saturday Night Live" are any indication, this could be a treat.

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